

- Have A Safe & Happy Memorial Day Weekend
- The Police Blotter Will Return On June 3rd



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Honoring Those Who Served...



HELPING AGAWAM VFW Post member Andrew Grasso flag graves of veterans in the Agawam Center Cemetery for Monday's Memorial Day Ceremonies are youngsters Jon Couture, Jeff McCormick, and Matt Couture. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

To Our Subscribers...

Thank-you for the many early responses to our renewal notices. Without your renewals, it would not be possible to publish a quality hometown newspaper for our community each week. We again deeply appreciate your continued support, both now and in the future.

Here Come The Clark School Olympians



OLYMPIC STYLE ceremonies and competition were held at James Clark School on Tuesday, May 18th. All children wore Uncle Sam hats while representing various countries around the world in the games at Clark School. MORE PHOTOS AND STORY in Education Section. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Vets Groups Preparing For Memorial Day



OVER AT THE AGAWAM CENTER CEMETERY, George M. Brown (photo left), past commander of the American Legion, and Joseph Lamothe, commander of the Agawam VFW, flag the graves of veterans for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremonies on Monday, May 31st. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Bill Raymond, manager of DeCaro Brothers Garden Center in Feeding Hills, and Frank DeCaro, owner, plant shrubs to beautify the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center. DeCaro Brothers donated \$500 in shrubs to the Memorial Day effort. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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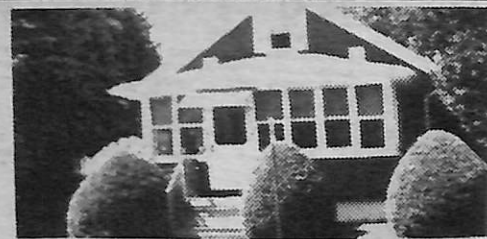
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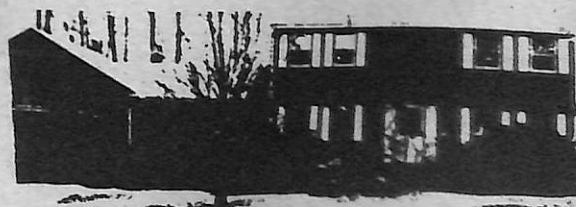
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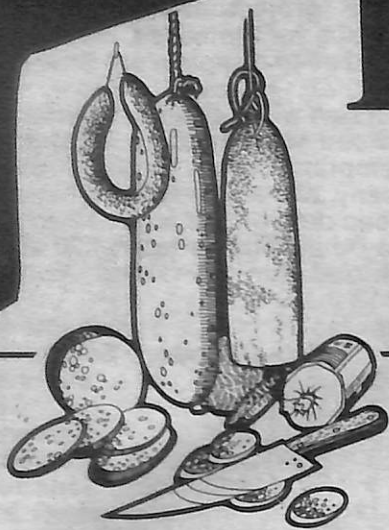
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Letters To The Editor

Southwick St. Speedway - It's A Free Ride For All

To The Editor:

I'm writing on behalf of all the residents of Southwick Street who have lived on Southwick Speedway. I, myself, have had the pleasure of 25 years. Twenty-five years of accidents in front of my house. Accidents on the hill. Cars drag racing with cars. Cars drag racing with tractor trailer trucks. Cars passing on the left when you're trying to make a left hand turn and vice-versa. Motorcycles racing with cars and motorcycles. Many deaths on the hill and many near deaths.

Southwick Street speedway has almost taken the life of my youngest daughter and her friend. I was lucky my oldest daughter stayed on Carmel Lane. This incident happened on Tuesday, April 20th, 1993. Yes, this was spring vacation.

My children were riding their bikes on Carmel Lane and they were crossing to come home. My oldest daughter was crossing her sister and a friend when a nice man stopped to let them cross. Another car came through the light and did not slow down for the stopped car and rear-ended the man.

My heart was in my throat because I knew it was the girls. When I went out, my little one made it across and her friend and my oldest one saw the car and she stayed where she was. There were no serious injuries.

On this same day, we had two other near misses with other cars not stopping. Needless to say, my girls stayed home the rest of the day.

On another occasion, my neighbor backed out of her driveway and she stopped on the east side of the road and I was crossing my daughter. I looked at the light at the intersection of North West and South West and Southwick Street intersection. It was red on Southwick Street, so I told her to go and she stepped into the road to cross. A car came out of South West Street, racing around the corner and almost hit her. This was the second time and I'm really leery of the third time.

5:00 p.m.—Southwick speedway then becomes the LeMans. The traffic light has no meaning. If they stop, fine. If not, it's another notch in their belts. At the squeal of the brakes, we stand with the telephone in hand, waiting for the crash so we can call 911.

12:00 Midnight—We turn into Indianapolis 500. There is no stopping them. It's open road. One night, we had a motorcycle come off the hill and the light turned. He tried to stop, but could not, so he laid the bike down and slid threw the light.

In front of my house I have a sign that reads "Speed Limit 40." Translation—50-plus. East bound on the road, there is also a "Speed Limit 40" sign. Translation—50-plus.

Children walking to school. Buses picking children up and dropping them off in hopes that the cars will stop. And not just on the opposite side of the street, but behind them.

When the town of Southwick has a motorcross, it's bumper to bumper. Weekends in general,

especially if it's a good weekend, we have no luck getting out of our driveways. During the week, we have a chance from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

I have seen traffic increase through the years with the town of Southwick building, and we have increased housing and building. Traffic has increased and it's not even because Stop and Shop is going in.

Traffic is going to be a problem even if the new Route 57 goes through. Progress—it happens.

Southwick Street speedway. You really do not have to go to Riverside. You can have all the entertainment you want. And it's free.

Southwick Street people—this letter is for us. It's our turn.

C. Panek
Southwick Street
Feeding Hills

Elementary Schooler Honors Memorial Day

To The Editor:

I have sent this letter to your newspaper for publication because I feel it says a lot about the Memorial Day holiday:

Soldier

A soldier walks into battle brave and strong.

He fights a battle for so long.

Hunger, pain, sorrow the soldier feels,

While he fights he gets stuck.

He cries, "Lord oh God, let me live."

He falls, he dies.

His spirit lives on.

The family cries.

The wife sobs barely a whisper,

"I love you. We won't forget you!"

Thank you for publishing my poem.

Alyssa Gagnon
11 years-old
Agawam

Agawam UNICO Sends Kudos For Pop Support

To The Editor:

Agawam UNICO thanks *The Agawam Advertiser News* for the coverage of the recent Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive for our Mental Health Fund.

Also, thank-yous go out to the Agawam Waldbaum's Food Mart, Big Y, Dave's Soda and Pet Food City, Pignatare Texaco, Frigo Food Products Sales Company, and Agawam and Feeding Hills post offices during the drive.

Thank you, people of Agawam and Feeding Hills, for your generosity which made this year's Drive a great success. A special thanks to the people who mailed in donations and also to the UNICO members who participated in the drive.

Dennis A. Marchetto

AGAWAM UNICO Mental Health Chairman

Reagan, Bush, & Congress Responsible For Lost Jobs

To The Editor:

Everyone who has lost their job due to declining "Pentagon Projects" should blame former Presidents Ronald W. Reagan, George W. Bush, and the United States Congress.

They approved the largest military budget in the history of our "Great Nation," which is suffering the consequences!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Ag. Senior Girl Scouts Collect Tabs For Shriners

To The Editor:

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who participated in helping us complete our service project, which was collecting aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital. This enabled us to complete our Silver Award project.

Among those who helped were all the troops in Agawam, Food Mart, Agawam Spirit Shoppe, One Stop Redemption Center, Gagliarducci Construction Company, and anyone we might have missed.

People can drop off the tabs at Perry Lane Park on Saturday, June 5th, between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. If more information is needed, contact us at 786-9083.

Thank you very much,
Agawam Senior Girl Scouts
Jeanne Moriarty
Gina Marcil
Barbara Bitgood
Suzanne Brown
Jennifer Kratovil
Jeannette Bilodeau
Christy Dubay

Now Is Time For Agawam To Get Tough On Zoning

To The Editor:

The towns of Hampden, East Longmeadow, and Longmeadow have very strict zoning laws.

Now is the time for the Town of Agawam to get tough!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Please remember
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Tuesday at noon-
time. We are closed
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Wednesday, June 2nd
Ag. Community Artists' monthly meeting
At 27 Center Street, Agawam
Photo session for publicity pictures
at 5:00 p.m.; picnic at 6:00 p.m.;
and meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.
Call 786-0138 for additional info
(Rain date for meeting - June 9th)

Wednesday, June 2nd
Annual banquet by the
Agawam Historical Association
At Agawam Senior Center, Wright St.
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 3rd
Agawam Senior Center's annual
volunteer recognition banquet
At the Senior Center, Wright St.
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 5th
Town-wide "Clean Up Day"
Sponsored by Ag. Junior Women's Club
Event will begin at AHS parking lot
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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(daytime) for additional information

Tuesday, June 15th
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Council Agenda For Mon., June 7th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/13/93.
Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/17/93
5. Declaration from Council President
6. **Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances**
 - (a) **Resolutions**
 1. TR-93-21-A Resolution Establishing a Stop Sign on Valley Brook Road (Mayor).
 2. TR-93-22-A Resolution Establishing Stop Signs in the Area of James Clark School (Mayor).
 3. TR-93-27-A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Frank J. Lawlor, 19 Losito Lane, Agawam, MA to the Planning Board to Complete an Unexpired Term Expiring January 1, 1994 (Mayor).
 4. TR-93-28-A Resolution requesting that Phase I of Route 57 be kept closed to all Westbound Traffic until Phase II is completed and in operation (Coun. Russo, Balboni).
 5. TR-93-29-A Resolution to amend the established Rules of the Agawam Town Council (Coun. Willis) (Referred to Rules & Reg. Comm. on 5/17/93).
 6. TR-93-30-A Resolution to recognize Dennis St. Laurent for his act of heroism in saving the lives of car accident victims (Coun. Suffriti).
 7. TR-93-31-A Resolution to recognize Kevin Regnier for his act of heroism in saving the lives of car accident victims (Coun. Suffriti).
7. **Report of Council Committees**
8. **Elections**
None.
9. **Public Hearings**
None.
10. **Old Business**
 - (a) **Orders**
 1. TO-93-33-Transfer \$60,000 from Line Item -Surety Bond & Insurance (7000-5600-R528) to Police Department - Automobiles (2200-5852-R1182) (Mayor).
 2. TO-93-34-Application to amend Class II Dealer License, Luigi's Auto Body/Auto Sales, 371 So. Westfield St., FH, MA (Coun. Bitzas).

New Town Treasurer/Collector Sworn In



LAUREL A. PLACZEK was officially sworn-in as the new town treasurer/collector on Monday, May 24th, by Town Clerk Richard Theroux. Looking on is Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Ms. Placzek is taking over for former treasurer/collector Rudy Altobelli, who is officially retired. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mrs. Willis Slates Office Hours May 28th

Town Councilor Joanne H. Willis will hold her monthly office hours at the Agawam Senior Center, at 57 Wright Street, on Friday, May 28th from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Councilor Willis will be available to listen to constituent concerns. All residents are invited to attend.

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The Winning Ticket Number From Easter Sunday's \$25 Gift Certificate Drawing Was **314862**.

from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



Aggressive Economics A Must For Our State

Perhaps the strongest concern among Western Massachusetts citizens in the last year has been to revitalize the local economy. Even the war room of President Clinton's campaign bore a single, poignant poster-board sign that read: "The Economy, Stupid."

In short, this was testament to the foremost issue at the top of America's agenda—economic revitalization must be first among our list of priorities.

Throughout the entire Commonwealth, each region has experienced the crushing blows of a deteriorating job market. Massachusetts has lost over 400,000 jobs, one-eighth of our total employment base. In the Pioneer Valley, we have been hit particularly hard with over 31,000 jobs lost and an unemployment rate nearing 10%.

These grim statistics must change if Massachusetts can expect to compete in a rapidly-changing global economy. Last fall, as the Massachusetts legislature was reviewing legislation on economic development, I organized a group of area businesspeople as a Small Business Roundtable. The group met monthly to discuss ways in which Western Massachusetts could maximize its input in the drafting of this legislation and assure optimal benefits from any final legislative product.

The result: Chapter 19, an Act to Provide Economic Development Incentives to our small businesses. It will assist businesses in creating jobs as well as retaining existing ones. Last month at the meeting of the Small Business

Roundtable, we discussed the highlights of Chapter 19 and how Western Massachusetts can receive direct benefits from its new provisions.

The bill is indeed an encompassing one, and cites 20 points with a new state investment totaling \$29 million. It includes creating "economic opportunity zones" such as enterprise zones to address the ongoing concerns of high unemployment in our area.

It also creates a \$5 million Capital Access Fund for more flexible loans to small businesses experiencing severe credit crunches and encourages their retention and growth. It also includes an Export Finance Fund to provide loan guarantees, insurance and technical assistance both for companies currently engaged in exporting or for new export ventures, and technical and financial assistance for the creations of "manufacturing networks."

All of these programs are in the start-up stages. Of course, all this is well and good, but I believe the measure of a thing's worth is in its utility. Hence, a key element to the success of this economic package is how and to what extent it is utilized.

Senator Brian Lees and I are jointly sponsoring a seminar for business leaders in the Greater Springfield area on Tuesday, June 15th, 1993. We have invited Steve Tocco, the Secretary of Economic Affairs, who is administering the entire Economic Development package. He will describe ways to maximize the benefits for individual businesses in our area.

The whole purpose of this seminar is to bring these proposals down to earth and explain in real and concrete terms how to take advantage of them. Senator Lees and I are committed to change the economic landscape in our area, to make Greater Springfield a desirable place to do business. This seminar will be a unique opportunity to hear from Secretary Tocco directly—to take the problems and concerns of your own business right to the top at the state level.

I believe that there is clear agreement across Massachusetts that we must invest in aggressive economic development strategy which would target key areas: small business finance, technology and start-up finance, exporting, job training, workplace development, and long-term economic planning and evaluation.

The new Chapter 19 economic development package is an important first step forward to provide immediate relief for solid job retention, while at the same time, position Massachusetts businesses for eventual long-term growth. As we all know, the future is now.

Agawam Crime Prevention...

20 Ways To Encourage Children To Use Drugs

by Detective Wayne Macey
Agawam Police Department

The following is a list compiled by educators for use as part of the D.A.R.E. curriculum. The list was formulated to demonstrate to parents that they often contribute to the reasons behind their child's negative behavior.

In a world where single parents are fast becoming the rule rather than the exception—and in homes where both parents must work to make ends meet—the family unit is taking a back seat to other considerations.

Consequently, we as parents do the following:

1. Never eat together as a family.
2. Never have family outings which occur weekly, monthly, or annually that they can look forward to as a family unit.
3. Talk TO your children, not WITH them; never listen.
4. Punish your children in public and never praise them or reinforce their positive behavior.
5. Always solve their problems; make their decisions for them.
6. Leave the responsibility of teaching morality and spiritual training to the schools and the church.
7. Never let the children experience cold, fatigue, adventure, injury, risk, challenge, experimentation, failure, frustration, discouragement, etc.

8. Threaten your children; i.e., "If you ever try drugs or alcohol, I'll punish you."

9. Expect your children to get "A's" in school in all subjects.

10. Always pick up after them and don't encourage them to accept responsibility.

11. Discourage your child from talking about their feelings (i.e., fear, anger, sadness, etc.).

12. Be overprotective and don't teach your child the meaning of the word "consequence."

13. Make your child feel that their mistakes are sins.

14. Put your child off when they ask "Why" and tell them, "Because I said so."

15. Lead your child to believe that you are perfect and infallible.

16. Keep your home atmosphere in a state of chaos.

17. Never tell them how much you love them and never discuss your feelings with them.

18. Never hug them or display affection in front of them.

19. Always expect the worst and never give them the benefit of the doubt.

20. Don't ever trust them.

Tuckahoe Turf Farms To Be Aired At Special TC Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
3. PH-93-2 (PE-93-2)-Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b) (Conduct Public Hearing).
4. TR-93-23-A Resolution Authorizing a Loan Order in the Amount of \$1,100,000 for the Acquisition of Property known as Tuckahoe Turf Farm, Located Along Pine Street and South West Street, Containing Approximately 292 Acres, Identified as Parcels D5-1-1 and C7-2-4, and further described in Two Deeds Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 5574, Page 220; and Book 5364, Page 135, Feeding Hills/Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Mayor).
5. TR-93-24-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Any and All Documents Pertaining to the Exercise of the Town's First Refusal Option Under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 61A, Section 14 with Regard to the Property Owned by Tuckahoe Turf Farm, Inc. and Lakeville Land Investment Company, Known as "Tuckahoe Turf Farm," Located Along Pine Street and South West Street, Containing Approximately 292 Acres, Identified as Parcels D5-1-1 and C7-2-4, and further Described in Two Deeds Recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 5574, Page 220; and Book 5364, Page 135, Feeding Hills/Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Mayor).
6. TR-93-25-A Resolution Authorizing the Order of Taking Under the Authority of Section 1 of Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Property Known as Tuckahoe Turf Farm, Located Along Pine Street and South West Street, Containing Approximately 292 Acres Identified as Parcels D5-1-1 and C7-2-4 in Feeding Hills/Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Mayor).
7. TR-93-26-A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Offer for Sale in Accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, and to Execute Any and All Documents to Sell the Frontage Lots Along Pine Street in the Feeding Hills Section of Agawam and to Offer for Lease in Accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, and to Execute Any and All Documents to Lease, in Whole or in Part, the Land and Property Known as the "Tuckahoe Turf Farm," Located Along Pine Street and South West Street, Containing Approximately 292 Acres, Identified as Parcels D5-1-1 and C7-2-4, and further Described in Two Deeds Recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 5574, Page 220; and Book 5364, Page 145, Feeding Hills/Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts for Agricultural Purposes (Mayor).
8. Adjournment.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION AGAWAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01001

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138 that R.L.Z., Inc., d/b/a Jessica's, 11 South End Bridge Circle, Agawam, MA has applied for Transfer of Stock, New Officers/Directors/Stockholders. Building consisting of: one floor, two rooms. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1993 at 7:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Richard A. DiIullo, Chairman
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Mrs. Willis Lists Key Personnel On Campaign Staff

Joanne Willis, candidate for Mayor of the Town of Agawam, has announced her finance committee and several key campaign personnel.

Jane Dennis serves as campaign manager and member of the finance committee. Mrs. Dennis worked tirelessly with a committed group of volunteers on the Buy-a-Bow, Send-a-Box campaign during Operation Desert Storm. She also organized the Fourth of July celebration welcoming home Agawam's veterans from the Persian Gulf. Last year, Mrs. Dennis coordinated the townwide Fourth of July picnic, which had been defunct for several years.

James Willis serves as campaign treasurer. In addition to record-keeping, Mr. Willis is responsible for keeping the committee abreast of campaign finance laws and requirements. Anita McNamee rounds out the finance committee.

Thomas Leahy is in charge of visibility and will coordinate volunteers to hold signs and work at the polls on election day. Mary Leahy is responsible for the candidate's scheduling. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leahy have extensive experience working on behalf of local, county, state and national candidates for public office.

Mrs. Willis stated, "I cannot adequately express my gratitude to the volunteers for their help and encouragement. I am fortunate to have the support of family, friends, and citizen volunteers who are seeking fair, responsive and compassionate government. This is a grass roots effort, and these dedicated volunteers epitomize the best of public spiritedness."

Residents seeking information or wishing to volunteer may call any member of the committee or the candidate at 789-1360. All are welcome.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.

Melconian Blasts Insurance Industry For Massive Media Blitz On "Choice"

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced that last week, a wave washed over the Commonwealth and Western Massachusetts was not spared. "The automobile insurance industry's lobbying group INFORM opened its campaign by blitzing the auto consumers with telephone calls, high-gloss mailers on non-recyclable cover stock paper, and full page advertisements in local newspapers ranging in price from better than \$6,000 per ad.

"Many concerned consumers are calling my offices after receiving calls and flyers, and are confused and misinformed," stated Melconian. "I do not support S.534, a bill proposed by the automobile insurance industry. I feel that the 'choice' system causes confusion for consumers and in the states that have adopted such a system, thresholds have not provided long-term rate relief.

"The current no-fault system is a failed system,

and I have long advocated the scrapping of this system. My bill, H.3774, which would abolish no-fault, would make health care insurance primary, mandate all cases to mediation or arbitration, provide for stringent anti-fraud measures and hold the industry and agents, doctors, and attorneys more accountable. Furthermore, I want to see competition among the insurance companies to an end to the unequal territorial structure.

"No doubt the issue of reforming the auto insurance system will be heating up and more calls and circulars can be expected," Melconian emphasized. She advises those who receive telephone calls to discuss the issues and ask questions of the caller.

"I also invite my constituents to write or call my district office with their concerns or questions at 786-6033."

Walsh Strongly Supports Child Abuse As A Felony In Massachusetts

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) recently announced that the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed legislation that would make the act of child abuse a felony.

By establishing a law that addresses penalties for those convicted of child abuse, Representative Walsh believes the court system will have a more appropriate set of guidelines from which to hand out punishment.

"Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that does not have a child abuse statute. Currently, those in the commonwealth who are charged with physically abusing a child are tried under an assault statute which is a misdemeanor. Believing that abusing kids is one of the most deplorable acts imaginable, I am confident this

measure will go a long way towards bringing Massachusetts in line with the rest of the nation," said Walsh.

Walsh said the measure, which received overwhelming support from his colleagues in the House, would make the abuse of a child a felony punishable by imprisonment of up to 20 years. Under the bill, physical abuse is defined as a contusion, laceration, burn, fracture, or condition which imperils a child's health or welfare.

"The protection of children must be at the forefront of any laws in this area. By setting strict penalties for those convicted of causing harm to children, Massachusetts recognizes that child abusers need to be dealt a severe penalty when convicted of any such crime. Our kids demand no less," stated Walsh.

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Agawam Obituaries

Barbara J. Allen

Barbara J. (Trongone) Allen, 50, of 82 Mountainview Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

Born in Springfield, she attended schools there. She had lived in Agawam for 30 years. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a director and past president of the West Springfield Fish and Game Club.

She leaves her husband, Gerald Allen; her parents, the former Arlene VonSteuben of Agawam, and Angelo Trongone of Foxboro; a son, Gerald Jr. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Lisa Allen of Agawam and Kim Allen of Springfield; four brothers, Thomas A. of Florida, Wallace Osgood of Virginia, Richard Osgood of Foxboro, and Elliott Osgood of New York; a sister, Sally Lippe of California; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Robert E. Lane

Robert E. Lane, 62, of 42 Memorial Drive, Feeding Hills, a 27-year truck driver for St. Johnsbury Trucking Co. in West Springfield, died at home.

He retired last December. Born in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield for many years, and was a 1949 graduate of West Springfield High School. He moved to Feeding Hills in 1954. He was a Marine Corps sergeant in the Korean War.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, a member of the Senior Center, and a life member of Forest Park Post 7352 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He leaves his wife of 39 years, the former

Olivette H. Reardon; his mother, Mary A. (Wender) Lane of West Springfield; a son, Robert E. Jr. of Southwick; three daughters, Nancy A. Prentice and Mary J. Geaughan of Southwick, and Cheryl M. Corbett of West Springfield; a brother, Donald E. of Westfield, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with burial at the family's convenience.

Gladys M. Carroll

Gladys M. (Taylor) Carroll, 87, of East Windsor, Connecticut, wife of the late William E. Carroll, died at a local convalescent home.

Born in Revere, Mass., she had resided in the Agawam area for most of her life. She was a long time member of the Suffield Women's Club, a member of the Agawam Democratic Committee, and was a former volunteer for the Red Cross during World War II.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed by Finast Food Stores and Riverside Amusement Park in Agawam.

She leaves two brothers, Melvin Taylor of Hudson, Mass., and Raymond Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona; three grandchildren, Steve Knibloe of East Windsor, Linda Fern of Daytona Beach, Florida, and Daniel Carroll of Lexington, Kentucky; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was private and burial will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492-1822.

The Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home of East Hartford was in charge of arrangements.

Sylvia T. Dansereau

Sylvia Theresa Dansereau, 64, of 164 Southwick St., formerly of Ludlow and Belchertown, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Warren, she had lived in Belchertown most of her life before moving to Agawam six months ago.

She leaves her mother, Marie (Belaire) Chenevert of Ludlow; her stepfather, Clement Chenevert of Ludlow; two brothers, Herman A. Dansereau Jr. of Ludlow, and Walter C. Dansereau of Wilbraham; a sister, Carol A. Davignon of Springfield; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Ratell Funeral Home in the Indian Orchard and in St. John the Baptist Church, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Indian Orchard.

Frieda DiDonato

Frieda (Adam) DiDonato, 79, of 74 Moore St., a former employee of Buxton Co., died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked previously at the former Breck Co. in West Springfield, and the former Guild Bag Co. in Springfield. Born in Pomorza, Poland, she lived in West Springfield before moving to Agawam 34 years ago.

She worshipped at Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield. Her husband, Leo DiDonato, died in 1962. She leaves a son, Leon, and daughter, Rosemary Rockwell, both of Agawam; a brother, Alexander of Ludlow, and a granddaughter.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in the Springfield Street Cemetery.

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For more information on the selection, installation, and maintenance of smoke detectors, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Walsh Says Gulf Vets To Receive Benefits

Exclaiming it was long overdue, State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) was relieved that the Massachusetts residents who served in the war against Iraq would finally receive the bonuses that they have been promised.

Included in a supplemental budget that recently passed the Massachusetts House of Representatives was authorization to dispense the bonuses to those qualified veterans who served in the armed forces during the Persian Gulf War.

"The men and women who served our country in lands far away from home and those who were prepared to travel to the Persian Gulf region deserve our support and gratitude. These funds, both public and private, are a token of that appreciation and are truly deserved," said Representative Walsh.

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Walsh indicated the reason the funds were held up was due to a private fundraising initiative that fell short. While over \$78,000 was privately donated, the funds were well short of expectations. The commonwealth stepped in and made up the difference. In total, \$1,786,408 will go out to Massachusetts citizens involved in the war. Officials from the office of Veterans Services project that more than 4,000 Massachusetts veterans will take advantage of the bonus program.

"Serving one's country is quite a noble task. These brave servicemen and servicewomen fought for the ideals which we hold so high. My hat goes off to them and their families for all that they have done in the name of freedom," concluded Walsh.

Clean Water Action Kicks-Off Agawam Drive

Clean Water Action, a national grassroots environmental group, recently kicked off its campaign in Agawam to recycle batteries and will be seeking local volunteers to write letters and help lobby the Legislature.

"One out of five households are storing batteries at home, waiting for a safe way to dispose of them," said Clean Water's Legislative Coordinator Chris Bathurst. "Our Battery Bill will finally

ly set up the recycling programs we need to handle these items safely. With the help of local citizens, we are confident that the Legislature will act this year, cleaning up our water and making Massachusetts fish safe to eat once again."

Those interested in getting more information or volunteering to help with the campaign can call Clean Water at (617) 423-4661 or sign up when a field worker comes to their door.

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Agawam To Celebrate Memorial Day

Newly elected Agawam Veterans' Council Chairman, Jerry Couture, has announced plans for the 1993 Memorial Day Observance.

On Monday, May 31st, the Town of Agawam will observe Memorial Day, honoring those veterans who rendered the supreme sacrifice of their lives so that we and our children could continue to live in freedom.

The graves of all veterans whose remains are interred in Agawam cemeteries will be flagged on May 22nd by members of the Agawam Veterans' Council, V.F.W. Post 1632 and American Legion Post 185.

On Sunday, May 30th, a memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills with Pastor Dr. Bob Murray officiating. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, Memorial Day, promises to be very special in that the ceremonies will include dedication of the Agawam Veterans' Community Gazebo.

Schedule of Memorial Day events are as follows:

8:00 a.m. - WWI Memorial Service on Springfield Street in front of American Legion Post 185.

8:30 a.m. - Memorial Service, Springfield Street Cemetery.

9:00 a.m. - Memorial Service, Agawam Center Cemetery.

10:00 a.m. - Parade Assembly, Southworth Paper Co. (Main Street).

10:30 a.m. - Step-off time. One mile march south on Main Street to Veterans Green where ceremonies will be held.

This is Agawam's only parade and the Veteran's Council is looking forward to having as many residents as possible join them in honoring Agawam's veterans.

The Veterans' Council is extending an open invitation to all area veterans who would like to march in this year's parade. If there is anyone else who would like to participate in the parade and has not been contacted, please call Ruth Bitzas, Veteran Agent, at Town Hall (786-0400, ext. 236 or 237) as soon as possible.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the day!

Ag. Vets Can Get Local Support When Seeking A Job

Agawam Veteran's Agent Ruth Bitzas wishes to apprise all Agawam unemployed veterans of a new service arranged by her office along with West Springfield Agent Derek Barlow, to provide an outreach service representative from the Dept. of Employment on Training to assist them in their job search.

Mr. Paul Plazek, Branch Administrator for D.E.T., has agreed to have Outreach Specialist John Murphy assist our veterans by being available each Wednesday morning in the West Springfield Town Hall Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

"I have worked through Mr. Murphy's office for many years and feel we will be very fortunate to have a representative with his expertise assisting local vets," said Mrs. Bitzas. "As you know, D.E.T. office has relocated to the Industrial Park in Springfield. Mr. Plazek has advised, however, that if the service is not utilized sufficiently, it will be discontinued due to that office's heavy workload and limited staffing."

Mrs. Bitzas urges all unemployed veterans with any questions about the new service to contact her at the Department of Veterans' Services, Town Hall, 786-0400, ext 236 or 237.

DA Bill Bennett To Be Guest Speaker At Senior Ctr. Breakfast

Hampden County District Attorney William Bennett will be the guest speaker at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

The Banquet will honor the many volunteers at the Senior Center and those involved in Senior Center programs.

Executive Director of the Council on Aging which operates the Center, Richard Mundo said, "We hope that our volunteers can see how significant their contribution to the town and its older citizens is. Their importance is not only recognized by our staff but by elected officials far beyond our town's borders."

Mayor Johnson To Serve As MC At Western Mass. GOP Annual Picnic

The eighth annual Western Mass. Republicans' Picnic will be held on Friday, June 4th, at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks Pavilion in West Springfield. The picnic, which will feature the area's Republican legislators, will begin at 5:00 p.m., and the speaking program will start about 6:30 p.m.

Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson will be the Master of Ceremonies. Invitations have been extended to the elected Republican statewide officials and potential candidates for state and

federal offices in 1994. The leadership of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee will be represented at this event.

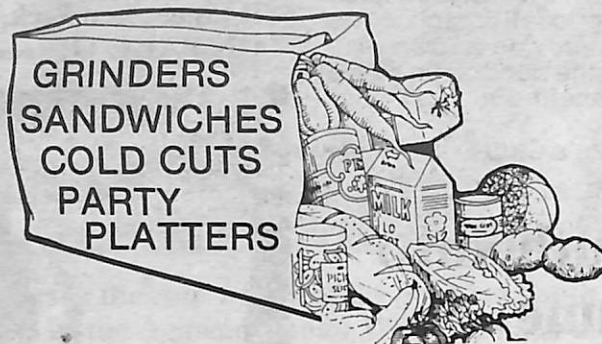
Everyone is welcome to attend. A ticket for a single person is \$10 and includes food and beverage; family tickets are \$15 per family. For additional picnic information or to order a ticket, call Attorney Donald P. Whitney, 736-8835 (office) or 782-3321 (home).

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Approximately 1,200 people strolled Perry Lane Park on May 15th, playing games and enjoying good old-fashioned family fun at the second Annual Agawam Town Fair.

Music, provided by Pink Cadillac, filled the air, along with the laughter of happy children choosing prizes at the many game booths. Many children also enjoyed having their faces painted and pictures taken as a Ninja Turtle, Little Mermaid, or a clown. Hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn balls, and frozen yogurt sundaes added to the fair atmosphere.

The dunking booth was a very popular attraction featuring many local celebrities as "dunkees." Stearns & Yerrall Realtors gave out 700 free balloons and the Agawam Police Department provided fingerprint identification cards for over 200 children.

The church youth groups, boy scout troops and other local groups who sponsored game booths all enjoyed participating in this town event and were very happy with the success of the fair and the money they raised for their organizations.

George & Green Real Estate Co. donated the proceeds from their game booth to the Children's Miracle Network. Support from local businesses made the fair possible.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club sponsored the fair in an effort to bring local organizations and businesses together to provide a town-wide family event. Proceeds from the booths run by the Junior Women's Club will benefit the club's community projects.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member GFWC and GFWCM.

Valuable Health Info Coming In June At Noble Hospital

In an effort to inform the public about valuable healthcare and safety information, a series of community presentations continues at Noble Hospital.

On Tuesday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium B, Prudence Prefontaine, Director of Cardiac Services and Carmela Kirk, R.N., Cardiac Rehabilitation will instruct a program entitled *Heartworks*. Topics of discussion include how the heart works, ways to diagnose heart disease, and exercise and healthy eating habits for a stronger heart. Tours of Cardiac Services and Cardiac Rehabilitation will be given.

On Tuesday, June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in Auditorium B, Ana Nunez, R.N. at Noble Hospital, will instruct a program in Spanish entitled "*Special Touch - How to Do a Self Breast Exam.*"

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For further information about any programs mentioned or for further information about the Community Presentations Series, call 568-2811, ext. 569.

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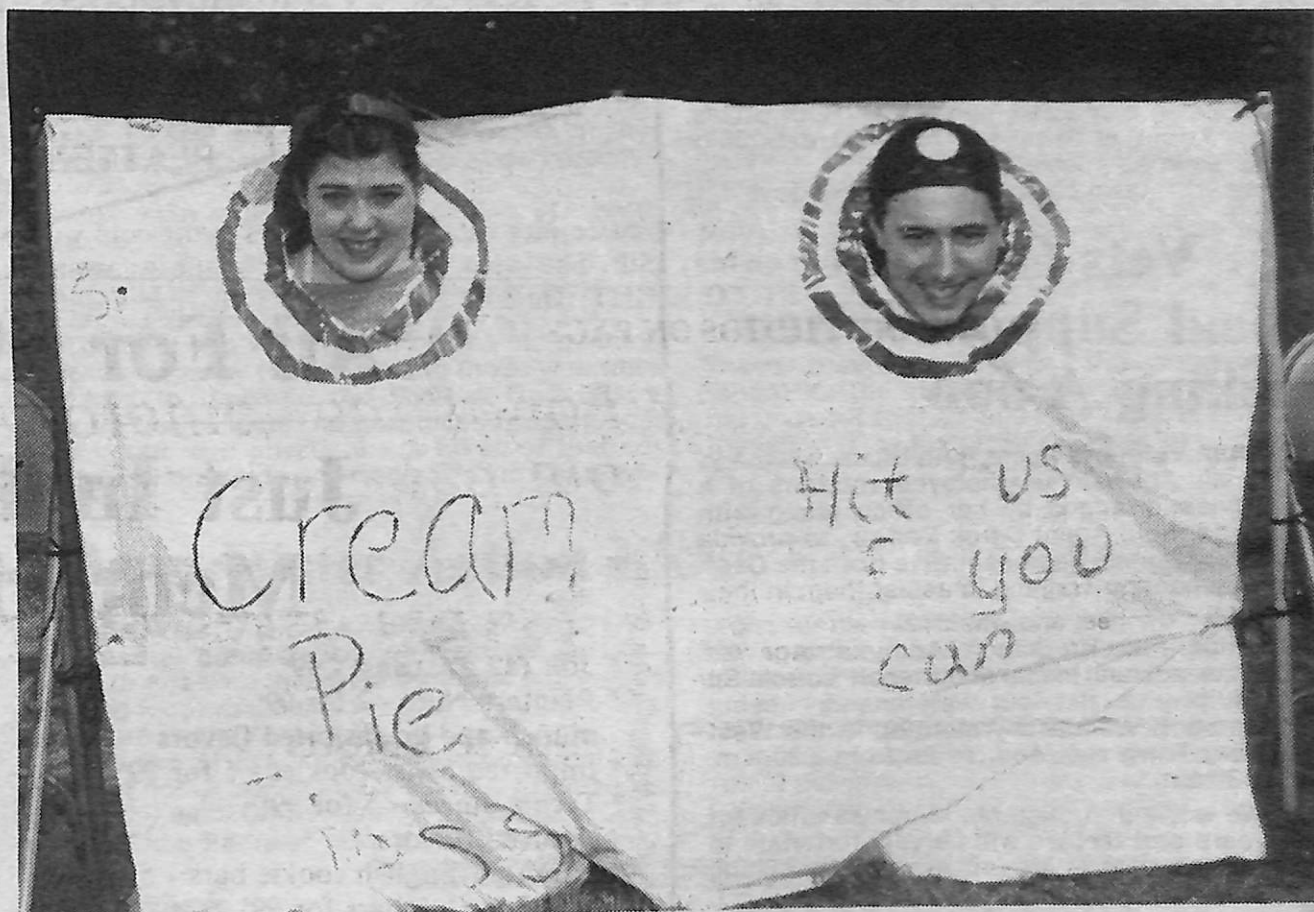
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GETTING CREAMED in the Cream Pie Toss at the Annual Town Fair are Lealyn Soffen and Danny Durand, members of the International Youth Council - PWP. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 11. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Mayor Gets Dunked At Annual Town Fair



IN PHOTO LEFT, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson shivers in the cold waters of the dunking booth at the Annual Town Fair on May 15th. The event was sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club at Perry Lane Park. IN PHOTO RIGHT, David Campi, 10, gets his face painted by Jan Brouwer. RELATED STORY AND PHOTOS ON PAGE 10. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Evan D. Pirnie New Baby Boy

Brian Pirnie and Kim Nardi of Agawam would like to announce the birth of their son, Evan Daniel Pirnie.

Evan was born May 14th. He weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21½-inches long.

Grandparents are Sue Nardi of Agawam, Howard Nardi, and Henry and Diana Pirnie of Springfield.

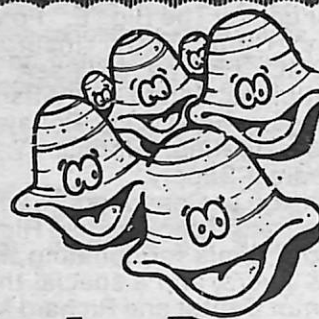
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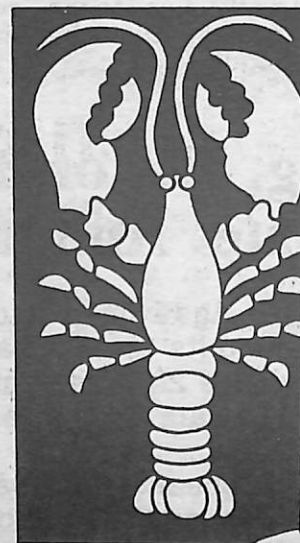
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Agawam "Senior Games" Activities

The Agawam "Senior Games" Athletes (ASGA) hosted their big Country-Western Jamboree at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills on Sunday, May 16th.

To the athletes' delight, the Jamboree was a smashing success! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music of four fabulous bands: Rustler, Eldorado, Showdown, and Big Sky Country. What's more, Rustler's Edge gave various line dance lessons.

Aimee Remillard of Feeding Hills was the day's "big money" raffle winner, taking the first and third prizes of \$250 and \$50. Meanwhile, Betty King of Southwick won the second prize of \$100.

Great raffle prizes were there to be won at the Jamboree: a weekend stay for two at the Sheraton Springfield/Monarch Place; two one-day stays for parties of two at Trump Plaza Casino, Atlantic City, as well as at Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, CT; gift certificates from Big Y, Christo's Restaurant, Fair Lanes Bowling in Chicopee, Sand Trap, Putt-Putt Golf, Piggy's Pizza, Chicken Queen, Stan's Soft Serve, U.B.U. Hair Salon, Center Deli, and some lovely gifts from Feeding Hills Pharmacy and Hallmark Surprise Gift & Card Shop.

Agawam Town Councilor Joanne Willis and ASGA athletes donated several beverages (from champagne to vintage wines, etc., etc.). A special raffle was held, thanks to KIX Country Radio and Justin Case, who personally came to the Jamboree to raffle off two tickets to the Alan Jackson Show.

If you weren't there, you missed a super great time!

ASGA extends their deepest and most heartfelt thanks to those who helped us put this jamboree together, particularly Bill Zielinski, President, and Ed Barako, Secretary of the Polish American Club; to Sam Provo, for the fantastic job he did in overseeing the parking; and to Councilors Joanne Willis and Louis Russo, who gave so much of their time to make this event a huge success.

The ASGA Committee—Desiree Jacobs, President; Bob Jaymes, Vice-President; Vi Presz, Secretary; Janice Bonk, Treasurer; and Sandra Smith, Jamboree Chairperson—and all the senior athletes also sincerely thank the citizens of the Town of Agawam for their wholehearted support during the organization's candy bar sales, car washes, and tag sales.

An additional big "thank you" goes out to the following businesses for their wonderful donations to their cause: The Big "E," Polish American Club, Lions Club, Town Insurance, Lillian Chechile, CMC, George & Green Real Estate, Agawam Opticians, Sarat Ford, Wilson Thompson American Legion (Post 185), Rollaway, Langone Plumbing & Heating, John's Trucking, and Agawam Medical Supply.

And, thank you to Councilors Joanne Willis and Nancy Gravel, and Congressman Richard Neal; to Councilor Tom Ennis for donating those wonderful posters & flyers; and a special thanks to the Agawam Senior Center and Richard Mundo, Director, for their support and donation of Agawam "Senior Games" t-shirts to the qualifying medalists.

The Agawam "Senior Games" Athletes are now well on their way to the Senior National Games in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on June 12th ... thanks to all of you!!!

Ag. Historical Asso. Slates Annual Banquet

The Agawam Historical Association will hold its Annual Banquet on Wednesday, June 2nd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Wright Street, Agawam.

The speaker will be June Cook, who will discuss Colonial gardens.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.

Young Girls Sought For Westfield Camp

All girls in grades one through six in Hampden County area are invited to attend Westfield Day Camp located on the Westfield Fair Grounds in Westfield.

Campers will participate in swimming, games, singing and much more. There will be a special photography unit for girls in grades seven through nine. The camp is operated by the Western Massachusetts Girl Scout Council, but you do not have to currently be a registered Girl Scout to attend.

All girls are welcome. The camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bus transportation is provided from area towns. Session I will run from July 12th through July 16th. Session II will run from July 19th through July 23rd.

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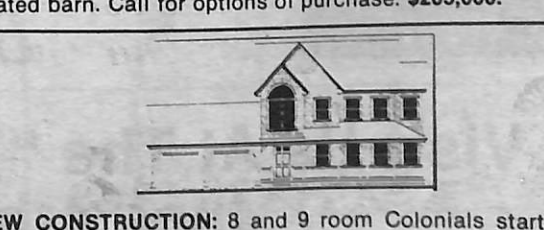
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OFFICERS OF THE PHEASANT HILL SOCIAL CLUB who were recently installed included, from left - Ray Gosselin, marshal; Frank Paradiso, chaplain; Jenny Juzba, installing officer; Roland Roberts, president; Rose Mezzetti, social & welfare; and Francis Blanch, vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Join Civic Groups At Townwide Cleanup

Join in the annual town-wide cleanup and help clean up your town! The cleanup is scheduled for June 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and will begin at the Agawam High School parking lot.

Participants will be divided into groups and sent to different areas around town which need cleaning up. The Agawam Police Cadettes will be cleaning up the High School grounds and some Girl Scout troops will be cleaning up Perry Lane Park. Other areas in Agawam also need to be cleaned up.

Bring your work gloves, your friends and your neighbors to pitch in for a cleaner environment. Trash bags will be supplied. The Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Planning Department invite all citizens, young and old, Town Councilors, civic groups, and organizations to join together for a cleaner, brighter Agawam.

For more information, call Junior Women's Club members, Joyce at 786-3327 (evening) or Laura at 786-5889 (daytime).

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member GFWC and GFWCM.

Beatrice Franks Wins Caribbean Cruise For 2

Agawam resident Beatrice Franks of 66A Paul Revere Drive has won a fabulous seven-day Caribbean cruise for two aboard *The Seaward* as a result of entering *Wheel of Fortune's 10th Anniversary* contest.

The contest was sponsored by Merv Griffin Enterprises, King World Productions, and Norwegian Cruise Line.

Sophia Mittchel of Heritage Condos in Agawam will be her guest. They left Bradley Airport on May 23rd and flew to Miami, Florida, where they got aboard *The Seaward*, with stops in The Bahamas, Jamaica, Grand Cayman, and Cozmel. They will return May 30th.

Beatrice received a complimentary manicure from Kelly's Beauty Salon of 132 Northwood Street, Feeding Hills.

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Legion Convention Slated For Chicopee

The 75th Annual American Legion State Convention will be held in Chicopee on June 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th with Headquarters at the Comfort Inn, Memorial Drive, Chicopee.

President of this year's Convention Corporation is Past Dept. Commander Paul A. Morin of Chicopee, and other area Legionnaires serving are: William Craven of Springfield, Vice President and Housing Chairman; and Ray Cartier of Chicopee, Treasurer.

Others from the Springfield/Chicopee area include from Chicopee: Rene Harnich, Jim Allen, Norman Doray, Del Barabani, and Alvin "Bud" Gagnon. From Springfield: George Kachon, who is Chairman of the Wednesday evening Pre-Convention Get-Together; William McCarthy, Packets, Tours, and Finances; and Mike Rostowski, Caucus Rooms and Packets.

From Pittsfield: Ted Handerek is working on the Badges Committee; Robert Belardo of Hadley, Packet Committee; and Peter E. Pappas of Agawam, Publicity.

Honorary President is State Commander Nick D'Alessandro of Roslindale.



THE NEW OFFICERS of the Pheasant Hill Social Club are, from left - Roland Roberts, president; Irene Dion, recording secretary; and Francis Blanch, vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Pheasant Hill Group Installs New Officers

The Pheasant Hill Social Club held their annual Installation of Officers on Sunday, May 16th at Partners Restaurant, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, and was enjoyed by members and their guests.

Installing Officers were Jenny Juzba and Pheasant Hill Social Club Marshal Roy Gosselin. Officers installed were:

Roland Roberts (President); Francis Blanch (Vice-President); Marilyn Roberts (Secretary/Treasurer); Irene Dion (Recording Secretary); Frank Paradiso (Chaplain); and Rose Mazzetti (Social & Welfare).

Corsages were donated by Sandra Lepore, manager of Pheasant Hill Village.

Meetings are held the first Friday of each month at the club headquarters. The June meeting will be the annual memorial meeting for deceased members.

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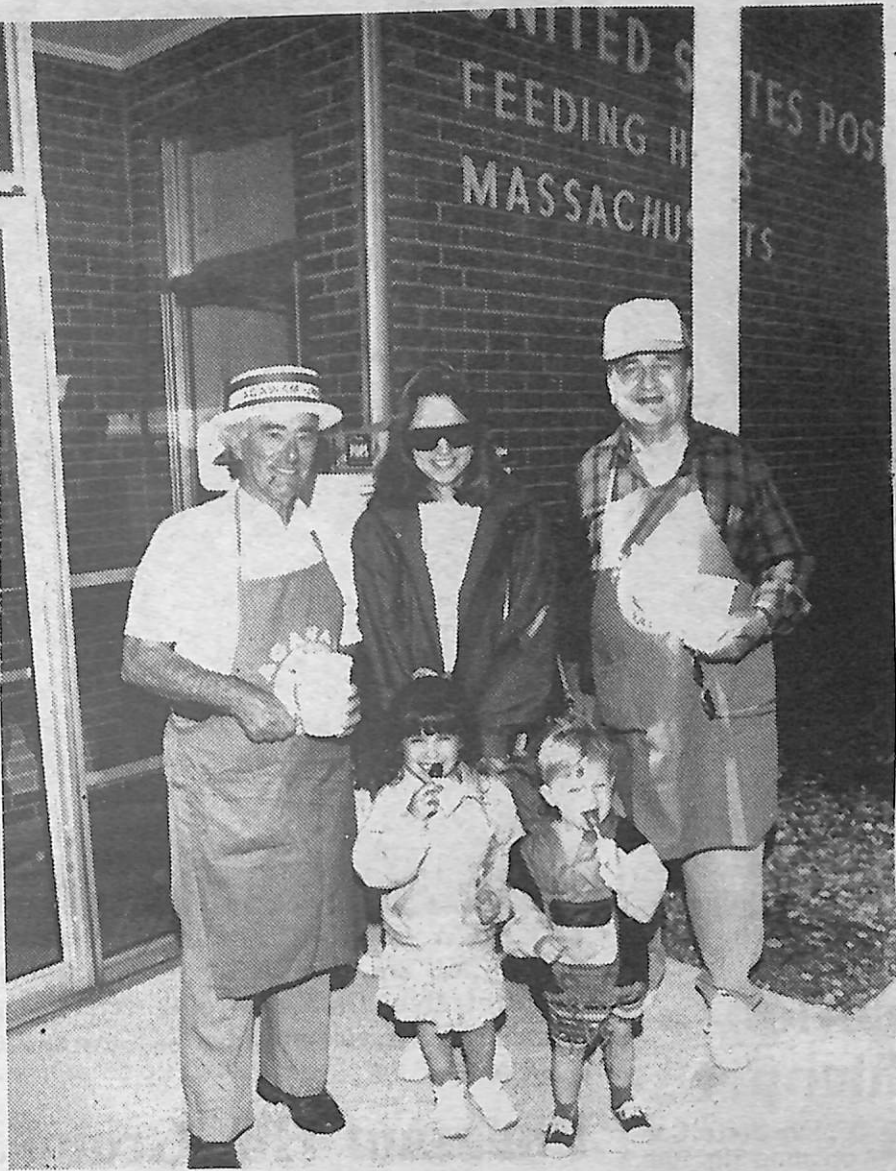
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UNICO Conducts Lick-A-Pop Drive



AGAWAM UNICO conducted its Annual Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop Drive on Saturday, May 8th. IN PHOTO LEFT, members Frank Paradiso and Al D'Agostino receive a donation from the Nagels -Karen, Jenna, and D.J. at the Feeding Hills Post Office; IN PHOTO RIGHT over at the Agawam Food Mart, UNICO members Albino DallaPegorara and Ron LaLancette receive a donation from the Bishops - Laramée, Elliott, and Bill (proud dad).

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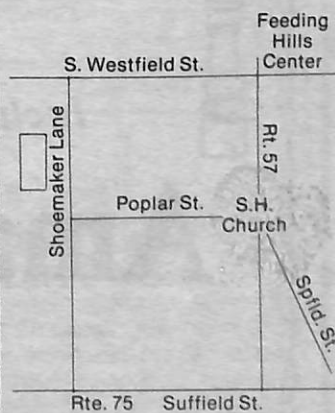
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Annual Plant Sale Held By Agawam Garden Club



THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB held its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 15th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street. IN PHOTO LEFT, club members Evelyn Mogue, Nancy Shaer, and Barbara Gagnon were supervising the bake sale; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Linda Mortenson and her daughter, Lizzie Mundo, and Pauline Mortenson, have made their selections. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Grange Slates Strawberry Supper

Community Grange No. 382 will hold its 14th annual Strawberry Supper on Tuesday, June 15th at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Servings will be continuous from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the menu will consist of potato salad, ham, baked beans, pickles, rolls, strawberry shortcake and beverages.

The price for adults is \$7 and \$3.50 for children under 12. For reservations, call Hannah Binns at 786-4052 or Florence Blish at 786-6172.

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Ag. Senior Center's Calendar Of Events & Activities For June

Tuesday, June 1st: 9:00 a.m. SHINE representative (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders). By appointment.

Tuesday, June 1st: 11:30 a.m. Birthday and Anniversary Recognition, by reservation.

Tuesday, June 1st: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check, A-L.

Wednesday, June 2nd: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Haynes, by appointment.

Thursday, June 3rd: Volunteer Recognition.

Friday, June 4th: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic screening.

Monday, June 7th: 10:00 a.m. Manicures with Cindy, by appointment.

Tuesday, June 8th: 10:30 a.m. Free mini-tour to Sand Trap.

Wednesday, June 9th & Thursday, June 10th: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Art Exhibit presented by the Senior Center Art Class under the direction of Sandy Saitto.

Thursday, June 10th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Sale, by appointment.

Thursday, June 10th: 9:30 a.m. Jewelry making and mending with Sandy Merrill.

Thursday, June 10th: 12:30 p.m. "Meet Our Department Heads Day." Debbie Dachos, head of the town's Planning Department.

Monday, June 14th: 10:00 a.m. Manicures with Cindy, by appointment.

Monday, June 14th: 1:00 p.m. Bingo (open to all seniors).

Tuesday, June 15th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE, by appointment.

Tuesday, June 15th: 12:30 p.m. Jewelry making and mending.

Tuesday, June 15th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check, M-Z.

Wednesday, June 16th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Dickert, by appointment.

Thursday, June 17th: 9:00 a.m. Foot care nurses, by appointment.

Friday, June 18th: Father's Day Picnic with guest speaker Bob Rumbold.

Saturday, June 19th: No Bingo this night.

Monday, June 21st: 10:00 a.m. Manicures with Cindy, by appointment.

Tuesday, June 22nd: 12:30 p.m. Special Program ... "How Not To Become A Victim" with Detective Wayne Macey.

Monday, June 28th: 10:00 a.m. Manicures with Cindy, by appointment.

Monday, June 28th: 1:30 p.m. Agawam Chapter AARP meeting. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, June 29th: Mini Fashion Show during lunch.

Tuesday, June 29th: 9:00 a.m. SHINE representative, by appointment.

Wednesday, June 30th: 12:30 p.m. Special Program presented by HMO Blue ... "Skin Cancer

Awareness."

Massachusetts Senior Games

The Senior Center now has the official entry forms for anyone interested in participating in a "lots of fun" event ... "The Senior Games." If you are into basketball, billiards (pool), bowling (10-pin), cycling, any field event, golf, race walk, racquetball, road race, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track events, or volleyball ... join the fun and pick up an official entry form today.

Deadline date is before June 15th. If you cannot participate, come down to Springfield College on Friday, June 25th, at 7:00 p.m. for opening ceremonies to cheer the Agawam athletes on and be part of the "Lighting Of The Torch" highlight.

News From The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (A.S.G.A.)

The Country-Western Jamboree held on May 16th was a giant success. It was a day of great music, great prizes, and good people. A big country "thank you" goes out to all who have contributed.

A special thanks to our local businesses, including the Polish American Club for their special attention and cooperation. Another big country thanks to KIX radio personality Justin Case for personally delivering two Alan Jackson concert tickets (it doesn't get any better, folks!).

Again, thanks from the Board and Directors and members of A.S.G.A. ... we thank you!

Free Mini Tour Tuesday, June 8th, at 10:30 A.M.

If you are a golfer or a non-golfer and you would like to have a "fun" morning, then you are invited to take a short drive with us to take a scenic tour of a new and most welcome addition to Agawam called the "Sand Trap."

The Sand Trap folks and the folks at the Senior Center have come up with some great ideas to help you have a day of fun right here in your back yard. So, will you join us on a mini tour? Call to reserve your seat on the van, 786-0400, extension 242 (activities department).

Preview Night at MacDuffie School

The Agawam Senior Center has tickets available to any senior who wishes to take advantage of preview night for Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs," presented by the Encore Players.

The tickets are only \$4 per person; the date for the preview is Thursday, June 10th, at 8:00 p.m. Please see Sandra (activities department) for tickets.

Cribbage Tournament

A senior round robin cribbage tourney will be held at the Agawam Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. on the following dates: June 14th, 21st, and 28th. Call Janice, 786-0400, extension 242, for additional information.

Art Exhibit ... June 9th And 10th

It's that time again when the students of the Art Class, under the direction of Sandy Saitto, will display their art work. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both days.

How Not To Become A Victim

On Tuesday, June 2nd, Detective Wayne Macey of the Agawam Police Department will present a special program tailored for all senior citizens titled "How Not To Become A Victim."

Please join us for this very timely presentation and learn how to protect yourself.

Father's Day Celebration/Friday, June 18th

A great day is planned for the annual outdoor picnic to pay tribute to all of our dads and friends. The kitchen is getting geared up to make your day; included on the menu is hamburgers on the grill, salads, corn on the cob, and strawberry shortcake.

To entertain you, the Agawam Senior Center Melody Band will be on tap, and our guest for the day will be the one and only Bob Rumbold, a sports announcer from TV Channel 22.

For reservations, call 786-0400, extension 242 (reservations are now open).

Fashion Show

On Tuesday, June 29th, a luncheon fashion show will be presented by students of the sewing and knitting classes under the direction of sewing instructor Lydia Galletti.

Make your reservations early, as this is usually a very popular program. It's a fun day for both models and guests, since Lydia usually has something special up her sleeve.

Skin Cancer Awareness

A very important subject for everyone, not only the elderly. On Wednesday, June 30th, at 12:30 p.m., Elaine Wilson (a representative from HMO Blue) will be presenting a video and information with handouts to keep you informed on skin cancer.

Please mark your calendar so you won't miss it. We strive very hard to both inform and entertain you with our special 12:30 programs; please show us your interest by attending all our free programs.

Trip—"The Music Man" (Wednesday, September 8th)

New York State's foremost musical summer stock theatre presents "The Music Man" for its 25th anniversary. Familiar tunes from this musical include "76 Trombones," "Till There Was You," and more.

A grand buffet, the show, transportation, gratuities, and taxes are included in the low price of \$34.60. Reservations are now open; the ticket booth is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Prenatal Exercise Class At Providence Hosp.

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke offers an ongoing series of prenatal exercise classes for pregnant women.

Taught by physical therapy professionals, specially trained in prenatal exercise, Moms In Motion is a stretching and strengthening program designed to deal with the areas of the body most affected by pregnancy. The program is fun, providing both fitness and support to expectant women who have completed their first trimester.

Preregistration is necessary. Call The Center for Women's Health at 539-2950, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for additional information.

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For a free brochure, registration or information, call Gail Hano, Village director, at (413) 787-0136.

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Ag. Golden Age Clubs' Calendar Of Events

June 2nd (Chapter 2) - Regular meeting at 1:30 with sixth grade Middle School Chorus as guests.

June 4th (Chapter 1) - Board of Directors' meeting at Senior Center - 1:00 p.m.

June 7th & 8th (Chapter 2) - Trip to the Indian Head Motel in New Hampshire. Meals and entertainment included.

June 9th (Chapter 1) - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker, Mrs. Teresa Kozloski who will show slides of her recent trip

to Poland.

June 16th (Chapter 2) - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker, Mr. Darcy Davis, who will present "Broadway Comes To Agawam."

June 23rd (Chapter 1) - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

June 25th (Chapter 2) - Board of Directors' meeting at the Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

June 30th (Chapter 1) - A cruise from Haddam, CT to Sag Harbor, L.I. Lunch and shopping included.

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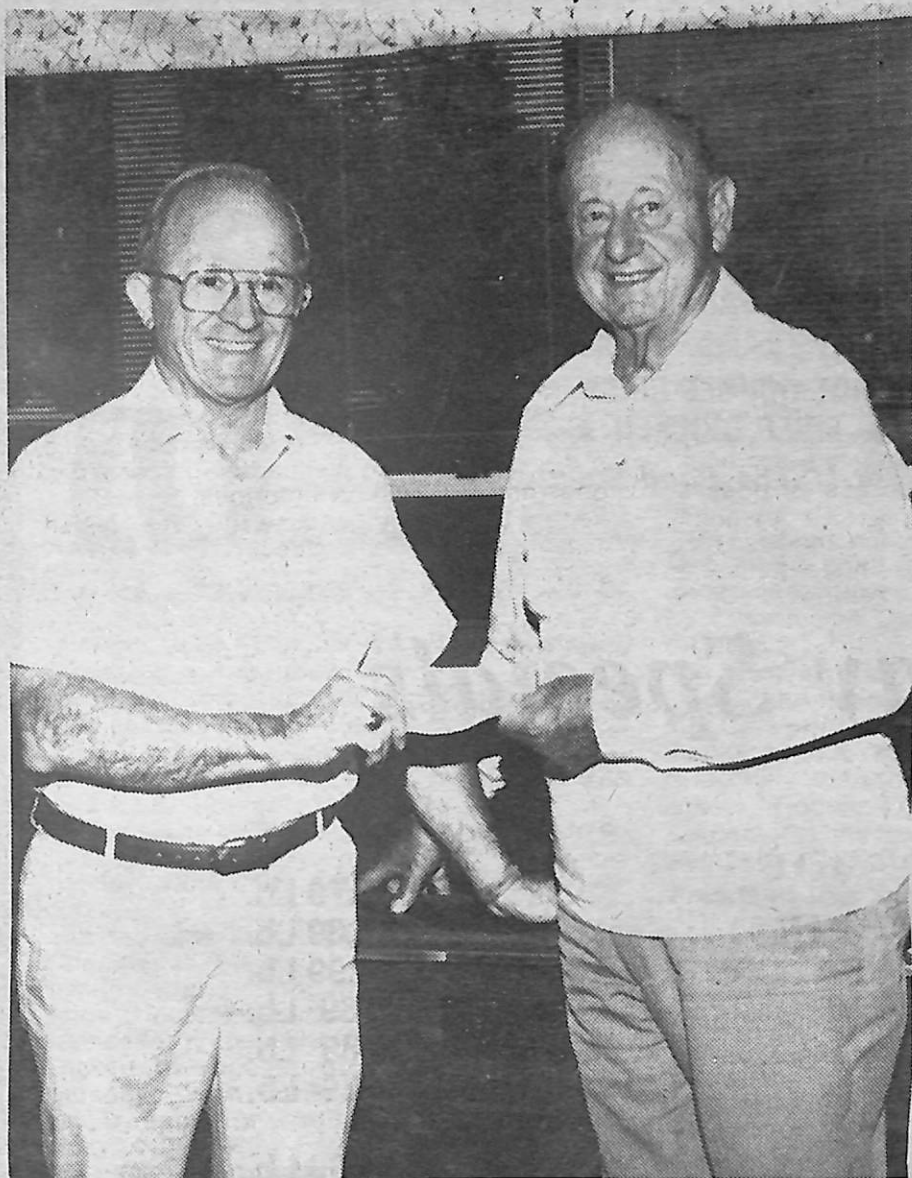
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STEVE LABUN, a member of the Polish American Club's Bingo Committee, presents a check of \$200 to John Balas, treasurer of the Agawam Senior Center Men's Pool Club. The money will be put towards maintenance of all pool equipment and replacement of badly worn tables. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RON DUTTON, JR., will benefit from a picnic at the Polish Club on Sunday, June 6th.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day. No lunches served.

Tuesday, June 1st: Birthday and Anniversary Recognition—Chicken supreme, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, cake.

Wednesday, June 2nd: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, peas, Canadian oat bread, mixed fruit.

Thursday, June 3rd: Grape juice, shepherd's pie, green beans, pumpkin bread, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, June 4th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, canned plums.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Bradways Celebrate Birth Of Daughter

Kevin and Sue Bradway of Autumn Street, Agawam are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jordyn Tyler.

Jordyn was born on April 25th at 10:50 p.m. She weighed eight pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 inches.

She is the granddaughter of Joe and Barbara Shayda, Helen Bradway and the late Richard Bradway, and the niece of Christine Shayda, Mike and Jillian Shayda.

Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.

Benefit Picnic Slated For Ron Dutton, Jr. At Polish American Club On June 6th

Bring your family and friends and join us for a fundraising picnic to be held for Ron Dutton, Jr. Ron is a nine year-old Agawam child with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy.

The picnic will be held at the Polish American Club on Sunday, June 6th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and running until ??? (whenever).

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children between six and 12 years of age (children five years of age and younger will be admitted free).

The menu for the picnic will include hamburgs, hot dogs, and chicken, and there will be a variety of entertainment and games for picnickers of all ages.

For ticket information, call 789-1247 or 786-3788; tickets may also be purchased at the Polish American Club on the day of the picnic.

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Cheers! Life Has Real Meaning!

Odds are that you were one of the millions who watched the final episode of *Cheers*, the popular, long-running sitcom whose set was based on a Boston bar. If not, you've probably heard about it.

Sam Malone, the resident barkeep brings the final show toward a close with the question, "What is the meaning of life?" Answers are suggested: A comfortable pair of shoes? Children? Love? Is there any meaning at all?

The *Cheers* cast never really comes to a conclusion on this crucial question. On television you can do that, but we don't have that luxury in real life. So ... do you know what the meaning of life really is? What would you say if someone asked you?

Actually, you'd probably give a light, funny answer and hope the question was dropped. When asked the same question, Woody Allen is reported to have said, "You ask about the meaning of life ... Good Lord, I don't even know my way around Chinatown!" Laughter, smiles ... but the question still doesn't go away.

To answer the big question of life's meaning, we need to break it down to smaller questions: Why is the universe here? Why am I here? Is history moving to a purpose, a goal, an end? Are there any objective values that give meaning to life? What makes something or someone significant or meaningful? Put together, these questions frame the larger questions of life's meaning.

Some suggest that life has no meaning. The universe and life that exists in it are the product of random chance. Humans are the result of random

mutations. There are no real values, just likes and dislikes. Life is absurd and meaningless. Suicide may very well be one's best option in this life.

Actually, if the story of evolution is true, the above is logical. But why do we live as if life and people have meaning and value? Why even discuss ideas, for they serve no purpose at all? No one can live this position consistently.

A much more popular answer is this: Yes, the universe is a cosmic accident and humans are the product of chance and yes, life is not moving toward any specific purpose. There are no absolute values in life, but you make values for yourself that bring you satisfaction. Create your own values for yourself that bring you satisfaction. Create your own values and live for them!

So, someone may live for success, or possessions, or family. They give your life meaning because you have determined them and they give you satisfaction. This has a nice ring to it, but is it a satisfactory answer to the meaning of life? I think not.

What happens if what you believe gives you meaning escapes you? If you live for your children, and they are killed in an accident, do you no longer have value or meaning? If the success that you've lived for crumbles into failure, why shouldn't you commit suicide?

In addition, if meaning and values are self-determined, then one cannot rationally object to Hitler's killing of Jews or Ted Bundy's rapes and murders. Their actions gave them a sense of purpose and satisfaction.

The Bible provides a third answer to the meaning of life, which best jives with the world around us. Speaking of God, the Bible says, "All things were created by Him and for Him."

The universe and humans were created by God and for Him. They will find ultimate satisfaction in living within his guidelines.

Because God is moral, there are absolute moral laws. Some things are always wrong, as determined by a Creator God. The struggle between good and evil will end with justice being served for all wrongs and God will be victorious.

People have value because they are created in the image of God. That value is seen in God's willingness to sacrifice His Son for the forgiveness of our sins, so that justice will be served. People have value and purpose, regardless of their failures or what others think of them.

God is the source of life's values and meaning. Knowing Him and living for Him brings ultimate satisfaction. There is not a more reasonable and satisfactory answer to the meaning of life than that.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet At Dominican Nuns' Chapel On June 4th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at the Dominican Nuns Chapel on Riverdale Road in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, June 4th from 7:00 p.m. through 11:00 p.m. only. Please note the

change of hours.

Membership in the Society is open to all men and women over 18 years of age. For further information, please join them on June 4th for one of the hours, speak to one of the members, or call Al Racicot at 786-5089 or Betty Sullivan at 788-4116.

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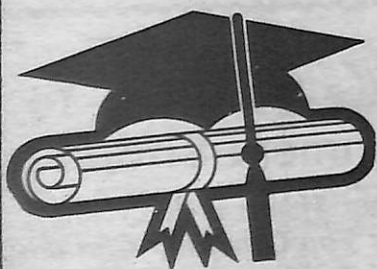
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REVEREND MICHAEL H. DEVLIN with members of his family. From left - Timothy Devlin, Cathy Connelly, Mary Gene Devlin, James Devlin, Father Devlin, and Arthur Devlin (seated).

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



REVEREND MICHAEL H. DEVLIN, who celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood on May 16th, is pictured with his father, Arthur W. Devlin of Springfield, who was celebrating his 85th birthday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Father Michael H. Devlin Honored For 25 Years In Priesthood By St. John's

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Reverend Michael Henry Devlin, Catholic chaplain of Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, was celebrated with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 16th, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street. Father Devlin resides at St. John's Rectory and assists in the parish with services.

Noting the joyous atmosphere in the packed church, Father Devlin referred to the celebrated Mass as "a celebration of life, the priesthood, and friendship," and he elaborated on each of these themes and the joy of each.

Guests attended from as far away as Ireland, Williamstown, North Adams, and Westfield to participate in the Silver Jubilee Celebration.

Father Devlin was the principal celebrant of the Mass, and vested concelebrants were Father Hugh F. Crean, Father Richard F. Meehan (pastor of the host church), Father Michael J. Doyle, Father James A. Sipitkowski, and Father Ronald G. Yargeau. Brother priests of the celebrant sat in the front pews and were concelebrants.

The Minister of the Word was Sister Mary McCue, S.N.D. Sister Frances White of St. John's Parish led the prayers of the faithful. Gift bearers were relatives of the celebrants, including James,

Timothy, and Mary Gene Devlin, and Cathy Connelly.

Vocal soloist was Gregory J. Gallivan, M.D., and the choir of St. John's Church sang. Charles Maniscalchi was organist. Randall Patton was on trumpet, and there was chamber music by Gisele Brunet and John Wcislo. Altar boys and greeters were of St. John's Parish. The Mass concluded with Wayne Ball singing "An Irish Blessing."

A special prayer-program for the celebration was distributed where Father Devlin noted that the date also marked the 85th birthday of his dad, Arthur W. Devlin of Springfield, who was in a front seat for the Mass. Prayers were offered for Father Devlin's mother, the late Mary Murphy Devlin. On the program's last page was a poem about what kind of a man a priest is.

After the Mass, those present were invited to the Parish Center for a reception where Father Devlin greeted his friends and received their congratulations. Hosting the reception was the Ladies Guild of St. John's Church.

A native of the Florence section of Northampton, Father Devlin is a graduate of St. Mary's High School. He prepared for ordination at St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, Connecticut, and St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts. The

late Bishop of Springfield, Christopher J. Weldon, ordained Father Devlin on May 11th, 1968 at St. Mary's Church, Northampton.

He served as associate pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, North Adams and St. Mary's Parish, Westfield. He later served as pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Williamstown.

After surviving a severe illness several years ago, Father Devlin was appointed to be chaplain of Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, and to residence at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam, positions he currently occupies.

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This medal is worn on the left pocket of their uniform and is worn only on special occasions, such as scout banquets, parades, and Scout Sunday.

Carol Tampone taught the class, and Nancy Hallbauer assisted.

The classes were held for several weeks and the last class was a trip to visit Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield, where Father David Joyce, Pastor, gave a tour of his church and explained about the history of the church.

Cubmaster John Hallbauer presented the Scouts their religious knot, which is worn above the left pocket. This knot, along with the Arrow of Light Badge, are the only two awards they can wear on their Boy Scout uniform.

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Weekly Events At Agawam Congregational

The Wednesday night Mid Week Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, begins at 7:30 p.m., with the R.E.L.A.T.E. series following at 8:00 p.m. These times will remain through the summer months.

The summer schedule begins Sunday, June 20th. Worship Service will be at 9:30 a.m. and will continue through to September 5th.

Reminder: No Church School this Sunday, May 30th. There will be Crib Room & Nursery only. Sunday is the Memorial Day Service. Come hear the special words, music, and hymns honoring our veterans.

The Agawam Congregational Church's third annual 18-hole golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th, at St. Anne's Golf Course, Agawam. Tee times will be 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be prizes, prizes, prizes, and all golfers are welcome—men, women, seniors, and juniors. The entry fee is \$25 which includes green fees, snack, and beverage.

Contact person is Charlie McCobb, 786-8195 or call the church office, 786-7111. Hurry ... the reservation deadline is June 5th.

Get a jump start on summer! The church's 1993 Vacation Bible Camp will be held June 28th through July 1st. This four-day camp will run 9:00

a.m. until 12:00 noon.

All two year-olds through sixth grade students are welcome. Volunteers are needed. For more information and registration, call the church office at 786-7111.

The Agawam Congregational Church's "Called To Care Program" will have an informational program, "Family Issues For The 90's," beginning Sunday, June 13th at 9:15 p.m. Attorney Donald Conway will speak on "Wills & Trusts" and Ann Marie Feraro, V.N.A., will speak on Hospice.

On June 20th at 8:15 p.m., social worker Barbara Yeager will speak on health care programs, "Risks and Responsibilities," and Robert Watson will speak about "Housing."

On June 27th at 8:15 p.m., Raymond Orr will speak on "Memorial Gifting," and Rufus Cushman, Planned Giving, Massachusetts Conference, will speak on "Planned Giving."

All interested in learning more about the Called To Care Program are welcome.

Agawam Congregational Church's fall 1993 Cooperative Playgroup is now registering new children. If your child will be three or four years old, they would enjoy this structured playgroup. This group is limited to 14 children, so early registration is recommended.

Please call the church office at 786-7111, or call 786-1430 for more information.

F.H. Cong. Church's Upcoming Activities

On Sunday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day, the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will celebrate "Book of Remembrance Sunday." The Book of Remembrance was given by Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins.

It is a permanent memorial to remember the many dedicated and loyal members of the community of the faithful who have passed on to God's Kingdom.

Children's Sunday will be held on June 6th at 10:00 a.m. Weather permitting, the worship service will be held outside in "God's Church."

Children of the Sunday School will be taking part in the service. Bibles will be presented, and the Acolytes will be receiving special awards. Each child will receive a plant.

Following the service, a picnic lunch will be held on the church playground. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday School classes and morning worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Nursery service is also available, and visitors and friends are cordially invited to join the church members in worship. For further information, please call the church office at 786-5061.

Red & White Day At United Methodist Church

Worshippers have been asked to wear red at public worship this Sunday at Agawam United Methodist Church. Items of red clothing at the 9:30 a.m. service for Pentecost Sunday will celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit which filled the church on the first Pentecost.

Jennifer and Amy Schebel will be baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith.

In addition, at Sunday morning's service, a bell will be tolled in memory of loved ones lost. Pastor Laurence Hill will preach on "Who IS the Holy Spirit?" *There's A Church Within Us* will be sung by the choir under Love Ashton and Children's Sunday School classes will be held, with childcare

provided at that same hour.

Informal Evening Worship will be held at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday with hymn singing and prayers for peace, personal needs and those who are sick. Prayer requests may be left at the church by calling 786-4174.

Agawam United Methodist Church is on Route 57 across from Agawam High School football field. Its goal is to be a vibrant congregation committed to family and Christian principles.

The public is always invited, and urged to call Pastor Laurence Hill, 786-5278 for information.

Pentecost Sunday At First Baptist Church

May 30th is Pentecost Sunday, the third most important celebration in the life of the Christian Church. Pastor Donald B. Morris of the First Baptist Church of Agawam will preach on "The Power of Pentecost" in Morning Worship at 9:30 a.m.

The Youth Group is sponsoring a Craft Fair Saturday, June 5th in Bodurtha Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

That evening, the Youth Group will lead a Worship Service at the First Congregational Church of Westfield. At 6:00 p.m., they will perform a moving drama on the life of Christ, "Secret Ambition." The public is cordially invited.



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Newschu Real Estate In Feeding Hills Ctr. Holds Ribbon-Cutting

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held at the grand opening open house held on Sunday, May 16th, to celebrate Newschu Real Estate, Inc.'s newly-formed association with Century 21®, as well as its relocation to new offices at 20 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Owners John and Helen Schuler hosted the event, and the ribbon-cutting was presided over by Mayor Christopher Johnson.

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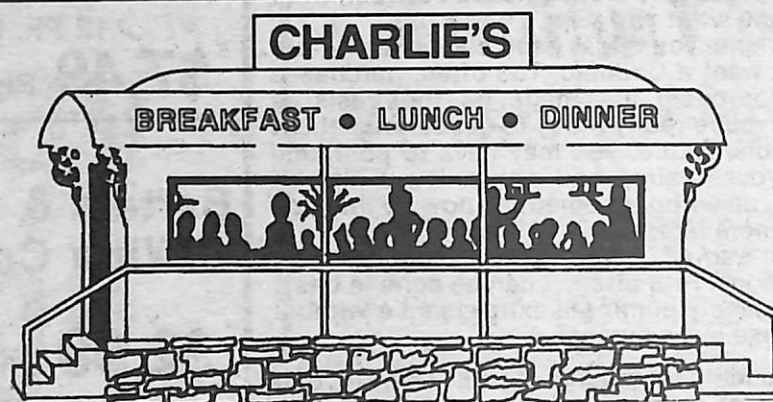
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Too Much Month... Not Enough Money?

All too often, many people that I talk to regarding finances have too much month left at the end of the money. They don't have "extra income" to invest for their future ... the present is tough enough.

Nevertheless, if you want to get ahead, you must clearly understand that no matter what your income, you can find money to save. It's a matter of repositioning your income and priorities.

Typically, I hear, "Building your financial future is a great idea, but my family doesn't have any extra money to invest each month ... we just barely get by." If this is you, don't give up too easily.

If you're serious about building financial security for you and your family, there are ways to arrange your present income (what you actually are earning NOW) to free up funds for investment.

Let's look at some options...

1. Pay yourself first. This is one of the most important financial concepts that you must put into effect. Paying yourself first means putting yourself and your family before any other demands on your money.

Deposit a set amount each and every month into a savings program, no matter what other financial obligations you have.

2. Adjust your priorities. If you're like most people, you spend money on things that you don't really need ... or you don't really manage the money you do have ... you just spend as expenses come up.

Don't feel bad about this, everyone does it. It takes a little more time to develop a management attitude about your spending habits, but it's essential that you "get control" of your spending.

3. Establish a budget. Budgeting is probably the best way to take control of spending. Determining what you will spend on certain items, and sticking to the plan, can make a world of difference in where your money goes. Budgeting is also a great way to determine where you're wasting money.

As a family exercise, keep a budget for one month. Don't make it so much trouble you won't keep it up ... just a rough record will do. Whenever family money is spent, jot it down on a budget sheet or even a legal pad. I promise you that at the end of the month, you'll have a real eye-opener. You'll be amazed at how the little things add up to big dollars!

4. Adjust your lifestyle. Along with controlling your money comes the matter of priorities ... and along with setting priorities comes one tough rule of life ... **you can't have everything!** If you want to achieve financial security, you may have to make sacrifices for a period of time. A part of the budgeting process is distinguished between what you *need* and what you *want*.

For example: you might need a second car, but you might want a Cadillac. Too often, purchases (even major ones) are made on the basis of "want." If you're really ready to get serious about your financial future, you may have to postpone some of your desires and wants. It's a kind of trade-off ... do without something now so that you can have more later.

I know it's tough, but in most cases, it simply has to be done. And often, it can be done in basic ways that simply eliminate extravagance without any decrease in enjoyment.

5. Earn additional income. If your family income is very modest, things may still be so tight that it's tough to invest more than \$10 to \$20 a month. If you want to make more significant progress, consider taking a part-time job to get the extra income for starting your investment program.

I'm not saying it's a piece of cake. Work is work. But I'll tell you, a little hard work never hurt anybody ... and believe me, the rewards are worth it.

Consider part-time work for all members of your family. There's nothing wrong with your children making a contribution to their expenses. Summer jobs or part-time weekend jobs can provide the kids with their own spending money, and thereby eliminate another area of expense from the family budget. And that equals more money to invest!

6. Realign your assets. Another way to free up additional income for savings and investment is to realign your assets. This simply means that you move around assets you have to produce cash. You may be able to free up money to get your investment plan started immediately.

For example, take some of the money that you have in a passbook savings account earning less than 3% and put it into an asset management mutual fund.

7. Avoid the credit trap. Credit cards are good for convenience and emergencies ... but be careful to avoid the common pitfalls of "plastic money." Pay off your charges at the end of each billing period; otherwise, you may pay 18-21% in finance charges. (Most banks now charge \$20 to \$30 or more just to issue a card, whether you use it or not!)

Be careful not to overspend. It's so easy to say "charge it," but you'll have to pay up sooner or later.

For major purchases, save your money and pay cash instead. If you must use an installment loan for a necessary major purchase (like a family car, appliances, or furniture), finance as little as possible and pay it off as soon as possible.

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Lisa, who is also a licensed insurance broker, is a five-year veteran of the insurance industry. She believes that insurance clients are best served by those who acquire and maintain a high level of professional excellence.

Lisa, a lifelong resident of Southwick, is the daughter of James and Cheryl Bruno of 74 Tannery Road. She attended Southwick schools, graduating from Southwick High School in 1986 and Becker College in 1988.

She is the granddaughter of Nancy Bruno of Dwight Street, Agawam.



Financial Planning

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Financial Planning For A Job Layoff

The possibility of job loss in these slow economic times has made many people concerned about their financial futures. Unfortunately, it's taking longer than ever for people to find new jobs once they've been laid off, and when they find new jobs, their income is often less than what they were making before.

The good news is that there are ways to minimize the pain of a job loss. Here are some steps you may consider to prepare for the possibility of a job loss:

- **Spend wisely and build a cash reserve.** Saving is important in good economic times, but it is critical if there is a job layoff on the horizon. Some things to keep in mind when deciding how much to save in a cash reserve include the amount of severance pay that may be available, the increased cost of insurance after leaving the job, medical insurance deductibles that may need to be paid in an emergency, and job-hunting expenses.

- **Know your rights when it comes to benefits.** The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (COBRA) rules mandate that all companies with more than 20 employees must offer group insurance coverage for a minimum of 18 months after you leave the job. The cost of this

coverage to the former employee is generally higher than when you were employed by the company. Even so, it often makes sense to continue coverage through a former employer rather than trying to find new insurance coverage after a job layoff. The group coverage also can help tide you over on your new job if you are facing a waiting period to obtain coverage under your new company's plan.

Your former employer must notify you within 44 days of the event that makes you eligible for COBRA benefits. You then have 60 days to decide whether or not you want coverage. It's important that you respond to your former employer within this "grace period." If you don't, your rights to coverage may expire and you will no longer be entitled to extension of group coverage.

- **Take care in rolling over retirement money.** Congress has passed a new law, taking effect in 1993, that will require former employers to withhold 20 percent of lump-sum pension distributions if the money is withdrawn and not transferred to a new employer's plan or to an IRA. And if the employee isn't 59½, an additional 10 percent penalty will be assessed for early withdrawal.

- **Start keeping an eye on job opportunities.** It's always a good idea to have a network of contacts who may lead you to future jobs. Compare some of the job opportunities you hear about through your network to your current situation. Is it likely that you can match your salary elsewhere? How long is it likely to take to find a new job? This type of research into job opportunities also will help when it comes to evaluating different salary and benefit packages in job offers.

There's nothing like planning ahead to put you more at ease in tough economic times. Remember that before you make any financial decisions, it may be to your benefit to consult a financial advisor.

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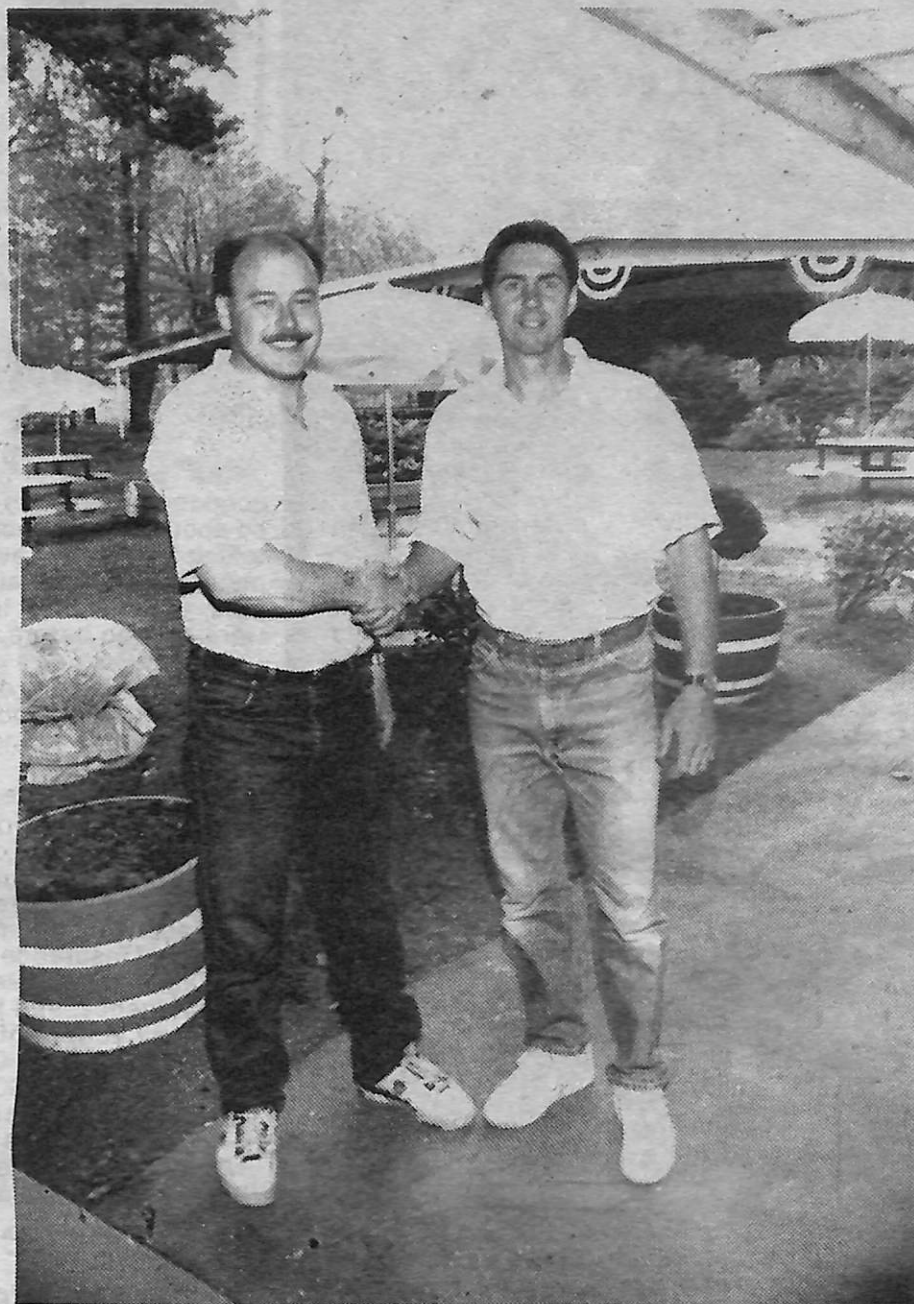
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Maintenance Awards At Riverside Park



HANDING OUT THE RIVERSIDE MAINTENANCE "Person of the Year" Award to Jonathan Chiarizio is T.C. Freeman, director of Maintenance & Loss Prevention; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Don Donahue presents Bob Stamm with the Maintenance Award for April. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Shop For The Right Mortgage For You

by John Schuler

As mortgage interest rates remain at nearly 20-year lows, first-time buyers are again expected to proliferate the housing market. But before agreeing to mortgage terms, real estate professionals recommend weighing the different types of mortgages lenders have to offer.

The difference between a fixed and variable interest rate is the first thing to consider when choosing a home loan. A fixed rate mortgage sets interest at the same rate for the life of the loan. A variable rate mortgage changes on an interim basis, as national interest rates fluctuate up or down.

Depending on the economic environment and the amount of time you plan to carry the loan, choosing between these two can make a big difference financially.

Consult with your lender before making a decision on which type of loan you'll use. Even though it seems logical that a fixed rate would be best during a time of low interest rates, several variable rate loans can offer maximum cap and payment advantages that could save you money.

Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) are currently the most popular variable rate loans, and are a fine option for those with a transient lifestyle. ARMs offer a low interest rate (usually lower than the market average) at first, then the interest rate fluctuates with the market after a pre-designed period of time—usually a few years.

If you choose a fixed rate mortgage, there are several time periods of payment to choose from, such as 10, 15, 25, or 30 years—the latter being the most popular. However, the shorter the period of fixed loan, the less time it takes to build equity. If you plan on staying in your home for more than

a few years and can afford it, consider opting for the shorter term mortgage; it's not as expensive as many potential homeowners might believe.

For example, the monthly payments for a 15-year fixed rate mortgage are usually around 20-plus percent higher than those for a 30-year mortgage. That's not bad if you consider that you will cut the time it takes to fully own your home in half. The shorter-term loans may require more

points or higher standards for approval.

Many factors can affect your decision—your confidence in job security, income, how long you expect to stay in the house you're buying, and what you expect the economy to do in the future.

Look at all the options available, work closely with your lender and real estate agent to work through calculations—then make the best, informed choice for your financial future.



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June Concerts Slated By W. Side Rec. Dept.

The West Springfield Recreation Department announces that the following concerts have been slated for the month of June. These Thursday evening performances are free and open to the public.

* **June 3rd** - Springfield Chordsmen & Prospective Sound of New England (at West Springfield Senior High School Auditorium).

* **June 10th** - Springfield Accordion and Guitar Orchestra (at West Springfield Town Common).

* **June 17th** - The 76th Army Reserve Band (Town Common).

* **June 24th** - The Silver Bullet Swing Orchestra (Town Common).

These four concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. on their respective dates. In the event of inclement weather, "Town Common" concerts will be held in the West Springfield Senior High School Auditorium at 425 Piper Road.

For immediate update information, call the West Springfield Recreation Department's current events hotline phone number (781-3020) after 3:00 p.m.

Ag. Comm. Artists To Meet Wed., June 2nd

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 2nd, at Beverly Secondo-Wands' home, 27 Center Street, Agawam. If the weather is bad, the rain date is Wednesday, June 9th.

The photo session for publicity pictures will begin at 5:00 p.m., with a picnic following at 6:00 p.m. The meeting itself will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone who wishes to become a member of the Agawam Community Artists is welcome to attend this meeting. For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to call Beverly Secondo-Wands, 786-0138.



"VERY INTERESTING, but funny." Bob Lawson rehearses for *A Night Of Laughin'* to be presented by Agawam Repertory Theatre on June 4th and 5th at the Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills on the grounds of Valley Community Church.

"Night Of Laughs" Includes Mayor Johnson

Mayor Chris Johnson will make a guest appearance with the Agawam Repertory Theater company on Saturday, June 5th at the Red Door Theater for "A Night of Laughin'." Also appearing will be Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the Council on Aging, who will take part both Friday and Saturday nights, June 4th and 5th.

Making their local theater debuts, Mayor Johnson and Rich Mundo will make surprise appearances in skits, bits, and running gags in the style of the television show "Laugh In."

Also featured will be the one-act play "Strawberry Envy," judged overall Best Production at the annual drama festival of the Community Theater Association. "Strawberry Envy" was also given six other awards, including Best Direction (Melissa Snively), Best Actress (Laura Lezon-

Scantlen), and Best Supporting Actor (Tim O'Brien). The *Springfield Advocate* called the play "a delightful confection ... funny and charming."

An original one-act comedy, "New Year's at Brandy's" by ART member Lillian Bousquet will also have its premiere presentation. Directed by Al Bousquet, this play will be performed by Laura Lezon-Scantlen, Paul MacDonald, Daphne Caulkins, the Reverend Bob Murray, John Stacy, Ellie Reynolds, and Chris LaRoche.

"A Night of Laughin'" will be presented Friday and Saturday, June 4th and 5th at the Red Door Theater on the grounds of the Valley Community Church in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam. Show time is 8:00 p.m. and tickets are \$5.

For further information, contact Cil Long at 789-4204.

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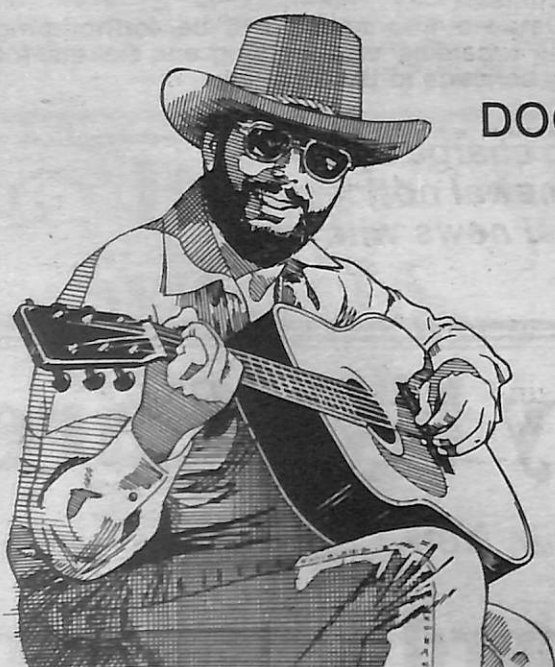
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Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano
Westfield State Intern

Pisano's Pity, Part 2

I know I told you that it would be a few weeks before I unleashed more motion picture disasters, but after a recent visit to the video store, I found even more catastrophic films I could not wait to tell you about!

* *Basic Instinct*

Director: Paul Verhoeven. 1992. Rated R. 2 hours and 10 minutes. Starring: Michael Douglas, Sharon Stone, George Dzundza, Jeanne Tripplehorn, and Stephen Tobolowsky.

"What is *Basic Instinct* doing on his film disaster list?" I'm sure I've come pretty close to what you are asking, so please allow me to explain.

Some may argue that *Basic Instinct* is a great film. In order to make such a statement, one must know what a great film is. A great film consists of a strong and original storyline, good editing, good acting, and a wholesome theme. Upon application of this notion, it is easy to see that *Basic Instinct* is anything but a great film.

The storyline is quite obviously in the same vein as *Fatal Attraction* in that it consists of a psychotic female who is after a good-looking guy; so, regarding originality, this is not something we haven't already seen a million times in recent years.

The editing in *Basic Instinct* is horrendous! How in the world this film was nominated for an Oscar for editing is beyond me! Michael Douglas virtually totals a Mustang's front end during an action sequence in this film, yet only a few frames later, the car's front end is pristine!

As for acting, Michael Douglas plays his typical sex-starved male role as he did in his innumerable other films which all revolve around the same premise. Consequently, his performance in *Basic Instinct* proves to be nothing shy of boring. As for the infamous Sharon Stone, I'm sure we all already know that it certainly was not her acting that caused a media blitz for her from this film.

So far, we have seen *Basic Instinct* fail three of the four requirements for being a great film. A final "great film" quality is a wholesome theme; *Basic Instinct* and the word "wholesome" don't even belong in the same sentence!

The film consists of and closes with the typical and gratuitous sex scenes that modern-day Hollywood seems to rely much too heavily upon these days to draw an audience. *Basic Instinct* proves to be nothing more than an "R" rated porn film with enough female-exploitive smut to last Hollywood for years to come! Class is something this film ignores.

In a nutshell, this film lacks originality, good acting, acceptable editing, and in no way delivers

any socially redeeming theme. It is the perfect symptom of a worsening sickness that Hollywood is suffering from ... giving in to the "sex sells" theory. (If this theory works, then why do the highest-grossing movies of all time contain no sex scenes?)

Enough with the smut already! Where's Spielberg and Lucas when we need them most? **0 STARS.** (Very mature audiences only.)

* *Dick Tracy*

Director: Warren Beatty. 1990. Rated PG. 2 hours. Starring: Warren Beatty, Madonna, Glenn Headly, Al Pacino, Dustin Hoffman, James Caan, Mandy Patinkin, Paul Sorvino, Charles Durning, Dick Van Dyke, R.G. Armstrong, and William Forsythe.

After the phenomenal success of Tim Burton's *Batman*, *Dick Tracy* tried to mimic the success of comic-book character films. Unfortunately, it lacked the whimsical appeal that this genre of film tends to rely heavily upon.

Part of the reason why *Dick Tracy* fails is because the storyline is weak. What saves the day is the artistic decision to use a limited array of colors for costumes and sets. The uniquely bright set design (in collaboration with a wide range of interesting bad guys) gives the film its comic-book tone. So bad does the storyline suffer that this creativity sets the film off-balance.

With the obvious exceptions of such Hollywood heavies as Al Pacino and Dustin Hoffman, the lead-role acting by Warren Beatty and Madonna are only mediocre; their performances pale compared to Pacino's and Hoffman's.

Although I hesitate to consider *Dick Tracy* a complete failure, it certainly exemplifies some film production carelessness. A stronger plot and a different cast arrangement could have made *Dick Tracy* a much better film. **2 STARS.** (Mature audiences.)

* *Pet Sematary*

Director: Mary Lambert. 1989. Rated R. 1 hour and 42 minutes. Starring: Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne, and Denise Crosby.

Movie adaptations of Stephen King's novels are either very good or very bad; *Pet Sematary* is one that is very bad. The inane storyline is much better suited for a novel because it certainly doesn't work on the screen.

An overabundance of unnecessary gore and lame special effects not only make this film a bad one, but also a disturbing one. The film certainly does not leave the viewer with a good feeling after watching it!

If you are a daredevil and decide to rent this disaster, note the concluding action sequence: a doll is used in place of a child actor. That's right, you can actually see that what was supposed to be a live child was really a toy used as a prop. This type of shoddy filmmaking is characteristic of the film as a whole.

Pet Sematary is a film that displays tasteless gore and shoddy production value. If you do rent this one, don't expect quality entertainment because all it will do is leave you repulsed, confused, and disgusted. **1/2 STAR.** (Mature audiences strongly advised.)

(* Coming soon ... Pisano's Pity, Part 3!)

2 Summer Concerts On For Stanley Park

Special 11th-hour commitments have underwritten critical operational costs and potential shortfalls, thus enabling two concerts to be performed by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra (SSO) in July at Stanley Park this summer. Stanley Park, itself, will also be presenting two additional programs to complete the four weeks of performances.

The Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau stepped forward in the last few days with major sponsorship dollars to present two concerts featuring the SSO. Mr. & Mrs. S. Prestley Blake, long time residents of the area, have also made a very generous commitment to serve as guarantors in addressing ticket shortfalls that might occur due to such occurrences as moving these concerts to a raindate or indoors. Stanhome, Inc. is also providing additional support.

Jack O'Neill, Executive Director of the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, in confirming this new development, commented, "The Springfield Symphony Orchestra and the Summer Pops at Stanley Park Concerts have for the past decade been a major catalyst in attracting patrons and visitors to our region."

"We believe these concerts will not only attract more visitors to the Stanley Park programs, but will also help the Symphony in its efforts to attract more and more patrons to its seasonal programs in Springfield, adding more dollars to the economies of both Westfield and Springfield. We were fortunate in being able to obtain certain marketing funds to help the Symphony in this effort."

"Last month, we were extremely disappointed to have to cancel our Summer Pops series," related Ronald P. Weiss, Chairman of the SSO Board of Trustees. "We are, therefore, delighted that on a one-time basis new funding has come forth for two concerts this summer. We are also very appreciative of the significant support we continue to receive from Stanley Park."

In briefly outlining the two Symphony evenings, Robert Stiles, SSO Executive Director added, "The Executive Board of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra is extremely grateful for this new and unexpected support. Not only can we continue to reach those many individuals who have found these summer evenings a highlight of the season, but we can also remain firm in our pledge to maintain fiscal responsibility and avoid potential risks that are attendant with outdoor concerts."

The two Thursday Symphony programs include: **July 22nd:** "Sousa, Gershwin and Friends" with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Raymond Harvey conducting

July 29th: "Big Band and All That Jazz" with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Bob Lappin conducting.

Detailed information will be forthcoming in June regarding programming and tickets for all four concerts at Stanley Park.

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Bon Appetit

by
Susan Anderson

Strawberry Season

With the first fresh berries close at hand, it's time to start thinking about all the good things that can be made with our wonderful local strawberries. An excellent source of vitamin C, strawberries are high in fiber and low in calories (45 calories per cup), making them a good nutritional choice.

In general, smaller berries are more flavorful than the larger ones, which sometimes tend to be watery. Do not wash them until you are ready to use them; they may be stored in the refrigerator for 2-3 days.

Strawberries should not be frozen whole, as they are mushy when thawed, but a delicious puree can be made, either before or after freezing. Freeze them dry, without sugar. Do not wash them prior to freezing. For best results, spread the berries out on trays, put in the freezer uncovered, and when frozen, pack them into freezer containers or bags.

STRAWBERRY OR RASPBERRY SAUCE

Makes about 2 cups

1 quart of fresh strawberries or raspberries (or 2 packages of frozen berries, partially defrosted)
Sugar to "taste"; about 1 cup for fresh berries or 1 tablespoon for frozen berries

3-4 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

Puree the berries, half the sugar called for, and 3 tablespoons of lemon juice in a blender or food processor until sugar is completely dissolved, about 2-3 minutes.

Taste carefully to be sure there are no tiny undissolved granules. Puree in more sugar by spoonful if needed and more lemon juice by droplets. Sieve if necessary, to remove seeds and seed residue.

Refrigerate in a covered bowl, where the sauce will keep for a day or two.

Source: *The Way to Cook* by Julia Child

The Romans valued the strawberry for its reputed therapeutic powers for everything from loose teeth to gastritis. Today, because of their high fiber content (in the form of pectin), scientists believe that the fruit may play a role in cholesterol reduction. Strawberries also can be used in homemade facial creams for their astringent quality.

STRAWBERRY AND RHUBARB ROLL

Makes 5-6 servings

1½ cups plus one tablespoon sugar

1 cup water

2 cups flour

½ teaspoon salt

2½ teaspoons baking powder

½ cup butter

½ cup milk

1 cup diced rhubarb

1 cup halved strawberries

1 tablespoon cinnamon

Whipped cream

Preheat oven to 400F.

In a saucepan, combine one cup of the sugar with the water. Bring to a boil and boil five minutes. Pour into a 6x10" or 8x8" baking dish.

Sift together the flour, salt, one tablespoon of the remaining sugar and the baking powder into a bowl. With a pastry blender or the fingertips, work the butter into the dry ingredients until mixture resembles coarse oatmeal.

Stir in the milk just until ingredients are moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead 30 seconds.

Roll into a 15x8" rectangle. Spread with the fruit. Combine remaining sugar with the cinnamon and sprinkle over fruit. Starting at the long end, roll like a jellyroll. Cut into 10 or 12 pieces and place, cut side up. In the syrup in the baking dish.

Bake 25-30 minutes, or until done. Serve hot, with whipped cream.

Source: *New York Times Heritage Cook Book* by Jean Hewitt (1972)

The following recipe is from *A Pictorial Review: Standard Cookbook*, by Chester H. Smith (1934), a cookbook on loan from my friend, Esther Haley.

STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

Serves 8

2 cups evaporated milk

1 egg white

1½ cups sugar

1 cup crushed strawberries

½ cup orange juice

Chill evaporated milk thoroughly. Put in a bowl, set in a pan of ice, add egg white and beat until stiff. Beat in the sugar, crushed strawberries and orange juice. Turn into a mold and freeze. (Note: The original recipe called for turning into a mold or freezer, pack in ice or salt, and letting the mixture stand until frozen.) Freeze for at least 3-4 hours.

New York state is known for its strawberry shortcake biscuit (and the strawberries as well), originally made from a soft dough patted out on a board with no kneading and as little handling as possible. With the addition of egg to the dough, it could be patted onto sweetened fruits to make cobbles.

FRESH STRAWBERRY FROSTING

¾ cup sliced, fresh strawberries

2 egg whites (unbeaten)

1½ cup sugar

5 tablespoons strawberry puree

¼ teaspoon light corn syrup

¼ teaspoon lemon juice

Press strawberries through a fine wire sieve. Combine egg whites, sugar, 5 tablespoons puree, corn syrup, and lemon juice in top of double boiler, beating with rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed.

Place over rapidly boiling water, beating constantly with rotary egg beater, and cook 6-7 minutes, or until frosting will stand in peaks. Remove from boiling water and beat until thick enough to spread.

Makes enough frosting to cover tops and sides of two 8-inch layers.

Source: *The Kate Smith Collection*, General Foods Corp., 1940

If by chance you're ever tempted to try growing your own strawberries, I assure you that the plants are hardy. A year ago, one of my friends gave me a box of strawberry plants which nearly met their demise before I had time to plant them.

In the fall, they were further abused by being mowed to stubs. Despite this, I have a hearty strawberry patch this spring, with a bumper crop of berries. There may be something to this unusual gardening technique, as what was once a single chive plant has become multiple patches in the back yard. I wish this would work with tomatoes.

STRAWBERRY AND ONION SALAD WITH POPPYSEED DRESSING

1 head of Romaine lettuce

1 pint of strawberries

1 Bermuda (or Vidalia) onion, sliced

Wash and dry Romaine lettuce. Refrigerate until serving time. Place greens on individual salad plates, or in a large salad bowl. Slice strawberries.

Place berries and onions on top of greens. Drizzle poppyseed dressing over salad. Toss if using large salad bowl.

Dressing:

½ cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons vinegar

½ cup sugar

¼ cup milk

2 tablespoons poppyseeds

Place all ingredients in a jar. Cover and shake until blended. Dressing keeps several days in the refrigerator.

Source: *Applehood & Mother Pie* by the Junior League of Rochester

Until next week, I wish you the best. I encourage you to ask questions or make suggestions for any topic you would like to see discussed here. I can be reached at 786-2017, or via mail in care of *The AAN* (P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030).

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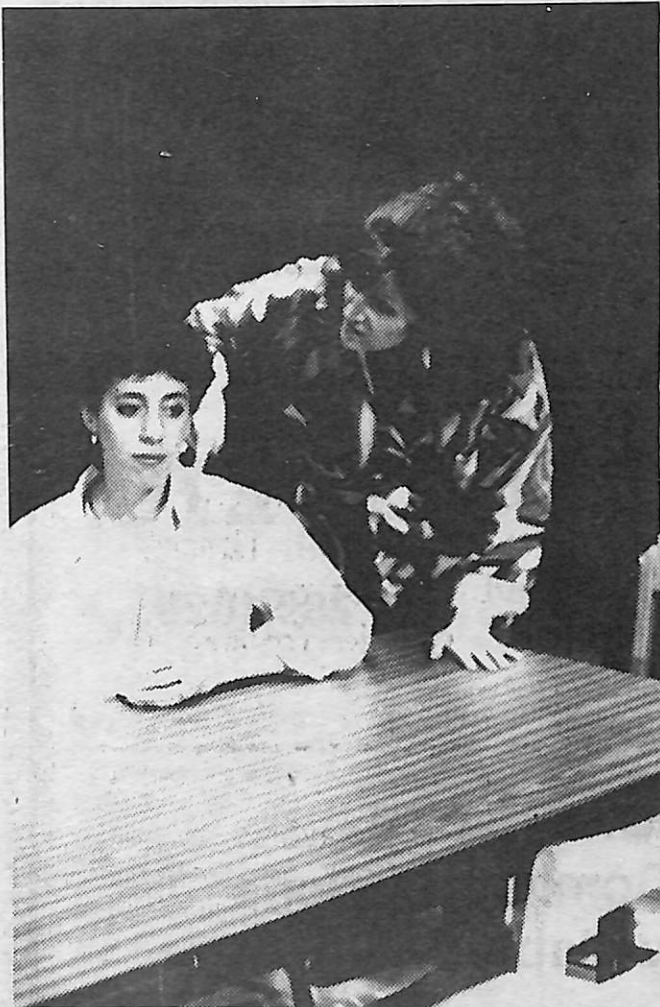
Encore Players To Present "Brighton Beach Memoirs"

The Encore Players will stage Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" from June 10th thru 12th, and June 18th thru 20th, at the MacDuffie School auditorium (just off Maple Street, Springfield.)

This is Simon's warm and funny autobiographical visit to his boyhood in Brooklyn. Dick Volker directs a talented cast of local actors who take us back to the lively interaction of the teenaged Simon and his impoverished family as he sorts out the mysteries of life ... hope, dreams, and girls.

General admission on Fridays and Saturdays (June 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th) is \$8, and students and seniors are \$7; for the Thursday, June 10th, and Sunday, June 20th performances, all seats are \$6. All shows are at 8:00 p.m., except for the Sunday, June 20th performance (which is a matinee at 2:00 p.m.).

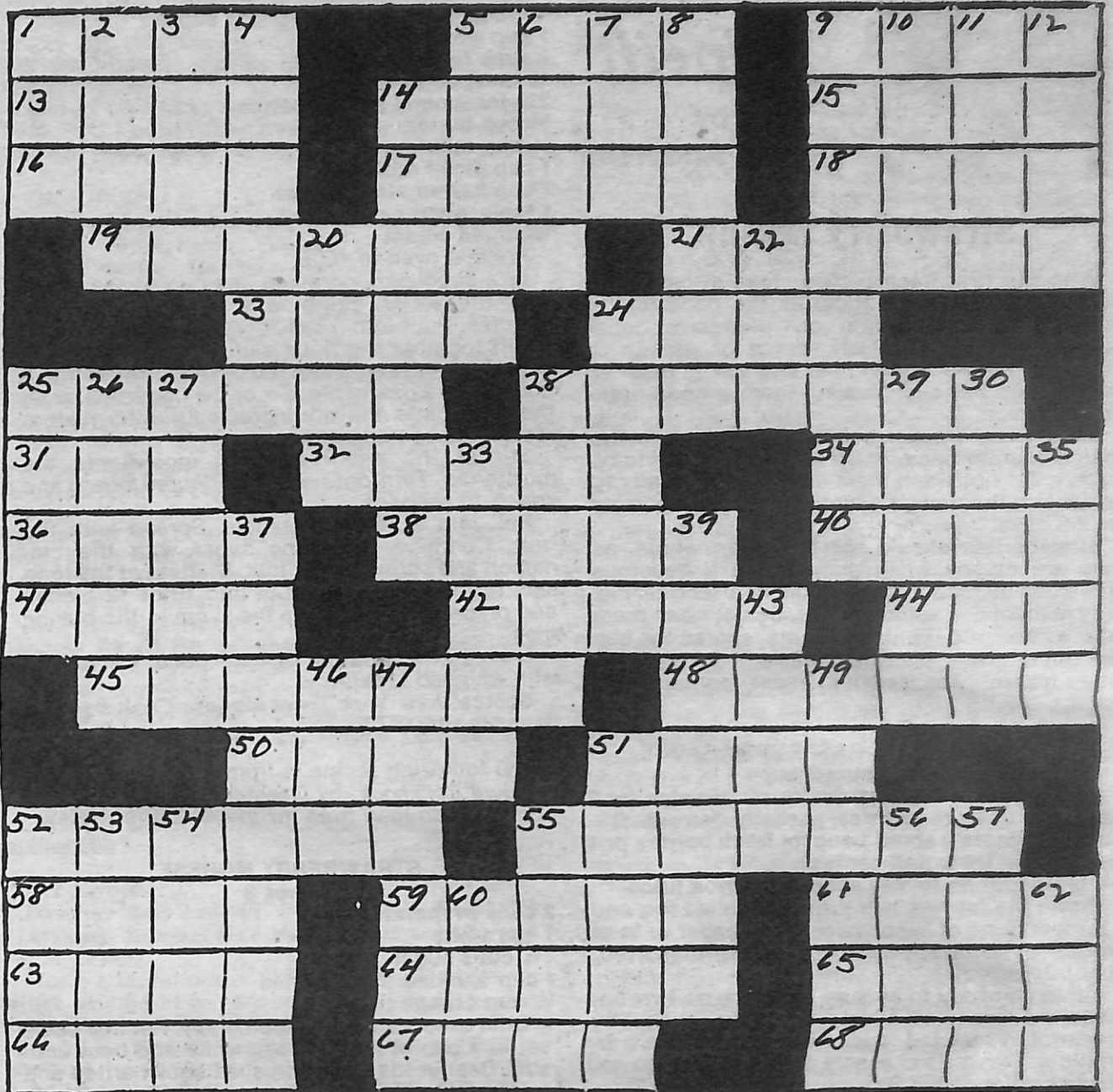
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MELISSA SNAVELY and DENISE BOUTIN rehearse a scene from Encore Players' "Brighton Beach Memoirs" staged at MacDuffie School Auditorium, June 10th, 11th, and 12th, and June 18th and 19th. For tickets, call 533-6720.

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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



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by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

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When we kneel by the grave, and tearfully pray;
The place in our heart, where our loved one once dwelt,
Is void of his presence, and great sorrow is felt;

The chimes in the chapel, are reverently ringing,
As all the town's people are fervently singing;
The cathedral bells in the city are pealing,
Echoing with honor, the love they are feeling;

We honor our heroes and revere their names,
Etched on our hearts, so their memory remains;
Our flag reigns high over all the land,
And parades in their glory, and marching band;

Pay tribute to these deeds of valor and strength,
That for love of our country, went to great length;
They gave their lives so that we might survive,
And for all eternity, we must keep them alive;

Deep in our hearts, treasured and revered,
And throughout all centuries, fondly endeared;
So raise the flag high and strike up the band,
Let joyful elation envelop the land;

There's nothing too grand, that we can display,
With reverence and homage, on this Memorial Day.

Forever Memories (Memorial Day)

We raise the flag and place the wreath,
With love and pride; but endless grief;
We honor our loved ones, forever brave,
Who, for our land, their lives they gave;

We have parades and marching band,
In all the towns across the land;
We kneel beside the grave and pray,
And tearfully remember our lonliest day;

Churches echo with choral singing,
And chapel bells in fervent ringing;
Over the land from hill to dale,
Resounds, in reverence, the soldiers' tale;

We send the sailors' wreath to sea,
And pray it finds its way to lee;
As we hoped the sailor had done before,
And found his way to a friendly shore;

But, sorrowfully, fate had turned the tide,
And taken our hero from our side;
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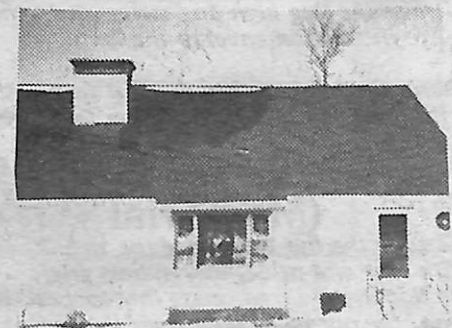
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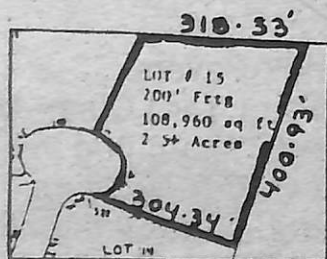
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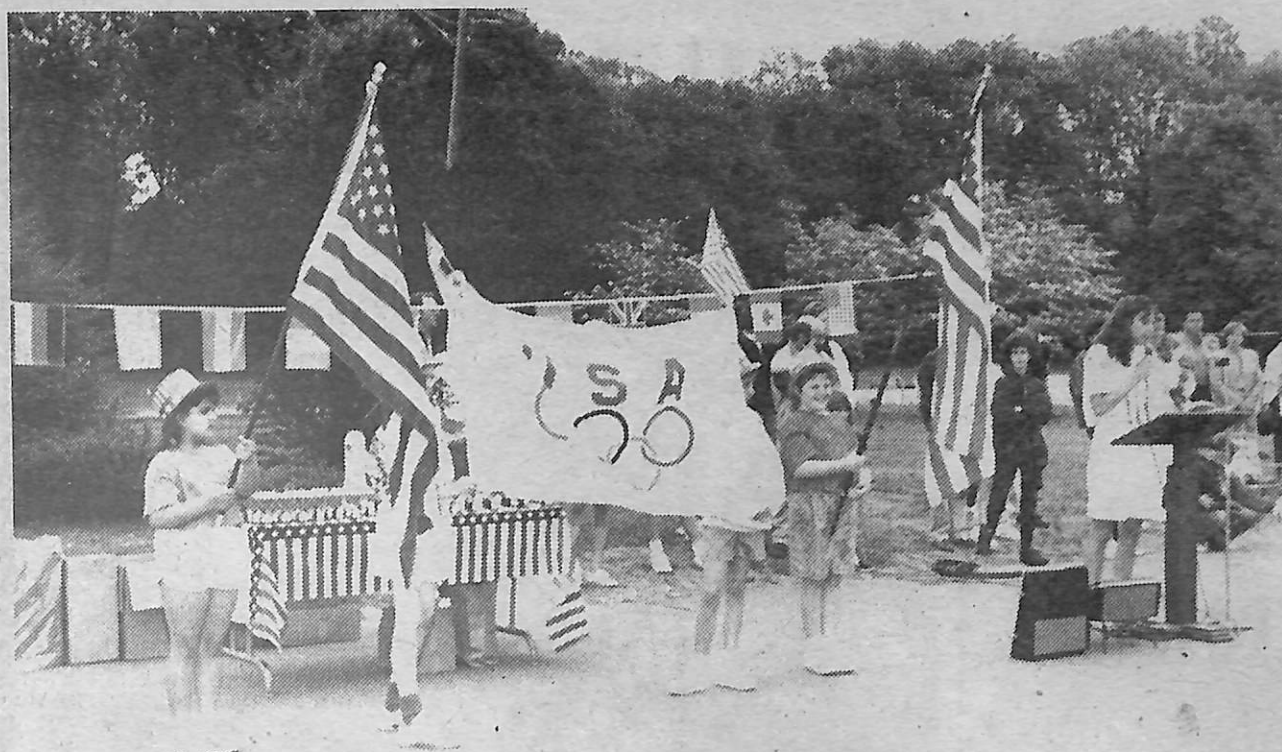
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THE OPENING CEREMONIES of the James Clark School Olympiad '93. PTO member Claire Cardon is addressing the students, faculty, and friends who attended. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CLARK SCHOOL STUDENTS proudly wave the American flag on May 18th at Olympiad '93. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Flags Fly, Spirits High At Second Annual James Clark School Olympiad '93

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The second annual James Clark Elementary School Olympiad was held on Tuesday, May 18th for all students.

Channel 40 T.V. meteorologist Paul Sutton, a town resident, broadcasted his weather report live from the Olympiad 1993 site to begin the ceremonies. He then marched with the opening parade around the school grounds and was greeted by students, parents, family, and friends.

Town Councilor George Bitzas, School Committee Secretary Linda Galarneau, board member Roberta Doering, and Clark Principal Smith Rovelli joined the march, along with Melha clowns (all marched to taped music).

Each classroom represented a country and a flag preceded the start of each student group with their teacher. Countries such as France, Italy, Ireland, Nigeria, South Africa, and Somalia were represented. Every student wore a red, white, and blue hat to represent their homeland of America.

Clark PTO parents Donna Bodurtha and Claire Cardon co-chaired the event. Physical Education instructor Kirk Parker helped to organize the games.

Mrs. Cardon welcomed everyone to the ceremonies after the parade concluded. She introduced the runners carrying the burning torch, saying, "A sacred flame burned at the altar of Zeus and still burns today."

"Let The Games Begin"

All classes sang songs which they had learned about their country before the competition began. After the music and songs, Rovelli proclaimed, "Let the games begin!"

A cheer rose up from the crowd as each grade moved to a location to compete against their own level in athletic competitions. Game I was an obstacle course. Games II and III were new forms of relay races.

At the site of Game II, students raced back and forth to fill two-liter soda bottles with water from soaked sponges, and Game III was a shoe-in for the closet organizer.

Students had to remove their shoes, and heap them in a pile at one end of cone markers. Then they had to run back to the end of a line across the race lines. When all were finished, the shoes had to be found, put back on, and everyone had to re-enter the line to tie up all the loose ends.

Game IV was a test of endurance for Kirk Parker who sat behind a target with his face showing through. Students had to test their accuracy in throwing a wet sponge and hitting him in the face.

Game V held potato sack races, and Game VI was the grand finale, a Tug-of-War competition.

During the closing ceremonies, all participants joined hands and sang "We Are The World." Mrs. Bodurtha, PTO vice president, wrote the following poem for the Olympiad event:

Olympiad 1993

*On a bright spring morning
the eighteenth of May
the greatest of athletes
will meet for the day,*

*representing a country
and dressed in its colors
not one of which
will be just like the others*

*There'll be records to break
and tests to endure,
much excitement and spirit
of this we are sure.
each athlete possesses
a talent and grace
they'll be running and jumping
all over the place!*

*So if you can yell
and if you can cheer
we'd all really love it
if you would be here
to give us support
a wave and a smile,
what you'll get in return
will last along while...*

AHS Band Picnic Slated For May 31st

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard Family Picnic will be held Monday, May 31st at the V.F.W., South Street, Agawam.

The picnic will begin after the parade and will continue until 4:30 p.m. Hot dogs, rolls, and condiments will be provided. Bring your own soft drink and favorite salad, dessert, or other.

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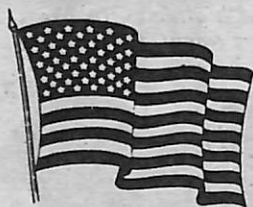
FOR THE PAST SIX WEEKS the third grade students in Rooms 13 and 16 at Robinson Park School have been working on an ecology unit as part of their social studies and science curriculums. The students learned about global warming, pollution, recycling, energy conservation, and reforestation. As a culminating activity for their unit, they invited the entire school to participate in a tree planting ceremony and sing-a-long on their school grounds. IN PHOTO LEFT, Alyse Mokrzycki plants a tree that was donated in the memory of Joseph Nacewicz and Joseph Allegro, the grandfather of Alyse.. IN PHOTO RIGHT, pictured are Mrs. Jean Allegro, Andrea Mokrzycki, Alyse Mokrzycki, and Philip Mokrzycki.

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Senior Citizens Help With Fundraiser For Education Trust Fund

Seniors from the Agawam Senior Center recently volunteered their time to help with the first major fundraiser for the Instructional Materials Trust Fund (IMTF) which is already underway. Brochures will be mailed out to Agawam and Feeding Hills residents and businesses in an effort to raise money for the Trust Fund.

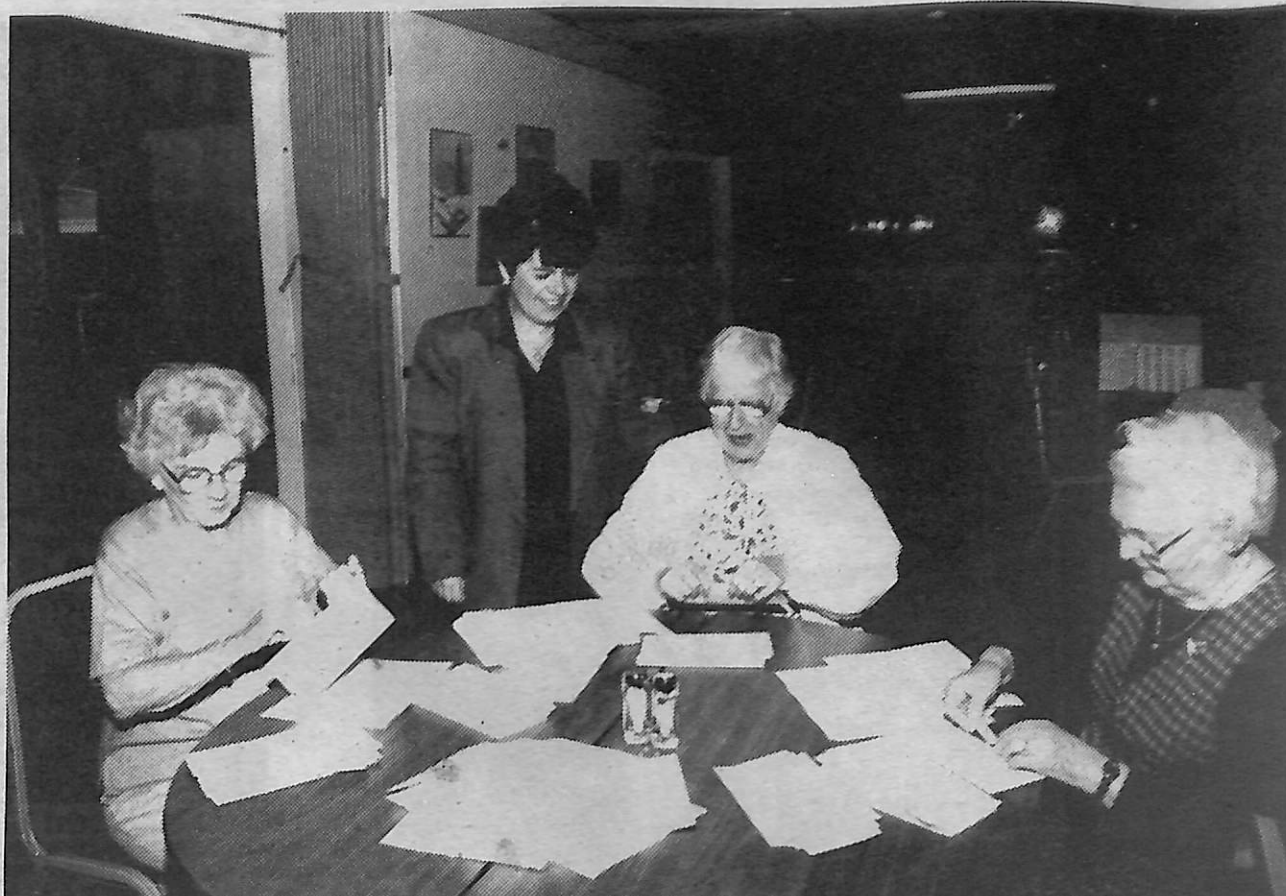
Agawam has initiated the Trust Fund to improve the quality of the instructional programs in the Agawam Public Schools. The IMTF is a separate interest bearing account which cannot be cut or altered. The principle of the fund will remain untouched and 90% of the interest will be available for the purchase of instructional materials.

Each year, staff members in the school district will submit a proposal for the instructional materials needed for the upcoming academic year. Raising the funds and administering the annual interest is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees which is made up of elementary and secondary level parents, teachers, administrators, School Committee representatives, and the Superintendent of Schools, who serves as chairman.

Linda Galarneau, School Committee representative to the Board of Trustees, Tom Tierney, Kirt Welker, Agawam Chamber of Commerce president, and Bernard Ryder, Superintendent of Agawam Public Schools, organized the mailing of the brochures. Linda Galarneau said that, "without community support, this mailing would have never been able to get off the ground."

On behalf of the IMTF Board of Trustees, Galarneau would like to thank the following for their generous contributions:

Janice Schermerhorn, Agawam Senior Center volunteer coordinator; Senior Center volunteers, for their valued time; Westfield Savings Bank, for paying for the printing of the brochures; and Agawam Chamber of Commerce, for paying for the mailing of the brochures.



WITH THE HELP of School Committee member Linda Galarneau (standing), senior citizens Irene Forsyth, Sophie Martin, and Elise Choquette stuff envelopes to be sent out to businesses and residents for the Instructional Materials Trust Fund. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZENS, from left - Zelda Downey, Lil Fisher, and Rita MacGowan stuff envelopes for the Instructional Materials Trust Fund at the Agawam Senior Center on May 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day. No School.

Tuesday, June 1st: Cheese pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled apricots, milk.

Wednesday, June 2nd: Hamburg patty in roll, mustard, relish, cat-sup, steamed rice, diced carrots, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, June 3rd: Baked hamburger & macaroni with spaghetti sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread & butter, cinnamon applesauce or jello with topping, milk.

Friday, June 4th: Sliced turkey sandwich with lettuce, tomato & mayonnaise, ½ baked potato, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

Kristina M. Galarneau Makes Dean's List

Kristina M. Galarneau, daughter of Anthony F. and Linda M. Galarneau, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1993 spring semester at Stonehill College.

Kristina is a 1992 honors graduate of Agawam High School and has successfully completed her freshman year at Stonehill.

Kristina is a biology pre-medicine major/Spanish minor and is a member of the Biology Society and the Committee For Academic Excellence at Stonehill.

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Peer Leaders Give 8th Grade Students Glimpse Of AHS Life

by Iris Copson
School Department Editor

Agawam High School Peer Leaders visited eighth grade students at the Agawam Junior High School during social studies classes last week to show them a videotaped tour of AHS during a normal class day.

Peer Leaders also explained various aspects of AHS for students that would become freshmen next year. The bell schedule was explained with a pass-out sheet. Student were told that the first-period class acted as homeroom, and that it began at 7:35 a.m. (with a warning bell five minutes earlier).

They also said there were three lunch periods, and that students were allowed four minutes for passing between classes. School is dismissed at AHS at 1:45 p.m. There is a late bus at 2:40 p.m. for co-curricular participants that want to stay after school.

Peer Leaders also explained that freshmen would have all five-credit (or more) courses each day of the week rather than only four times per week, as they have at the Junior High. They also told students that "A" and "B" days rotated each week for subjects such as physical education.

Peer Leader Linda Labonte said, "The first week you may have physical education twice a week. Then you would have it three times the next week. It depends on whether you have it during an A or B day."

Peer Leader Kathy Arenstam said there were four lunch lines that offered alternate menus—a potato or salad bar, the hot meal, and "an ice cream tray."

Students also learned they would be assigned a "permanent locker" for grades nine through 12, and could enjoy a breakfast menu in the school cafeteria on Thursday mornings.

Video Showcases AHS Locations

While watching the video, students saw the AHS library, cafeteria, main office, nurse's office, and met all of the students now in the Peer Leadership Group. They also sat in on a geometry class with teacher David Pulaski for a short while



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PEER LEADERS Linda Labonte and Kathy Arenstam prepare to show a video to eighth grade Junior High students about a typical day at Agawam High.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

(before going out into the halls to see some of the students at their lockers and travelling to classes).

Another important piece of information that eighth graders learned was that they needed 105 credits to graduate, with a mandatory four years of English, and three years each of social studies and math. Physical education classes are also required by the state each year.

Linda said that each class elected class officers and that the class was assigned a class (teacher) advisor. She also distributed a list of extra-curricular activities that students could opt to become involved in during their four-year education at AHS.

The Peer Leaders told students there were many freshmen teams for sports. The sports offered at AHS include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, and wrestling.

The publications are: MIRROR (school newspaper), Schem yearbook, and a literary magazine, UNICORN.

Music offerings include: chorus, color guard, jazz band, majorettes, and band.

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Phelps School Kids Know Their Words At Spelling Bee

by Iris Copson
School Department Editor

Phelps Elementary School again held its annual Spelling Bee for students in grades two, three, and four. Finalists for each grade received a "Certificate of Achievement" and had their names added to a plaque that hangs in the school halls.

Spelling Bee coordinator Catherine Gaudreau said, "Our students looked forward to this event with great anticipation. Nervous children quickly become poised and confident participants."

The announcers included: Susan Dukeshire (grade two), Barbara Cecchi (grade three), and Susan Moesley (grade four). The judges were Donna Connor, Catherine Gaudreau, and Patricia Mar-sy.

The Spelling Bee was held at Phelps School on Thursday, May 13th and trophies were given to both champions and first runner-ups at each grade level.

In grade two, **Kristan LaGuercia** won the competition with **Julie Pontz** as runner-up.

Brian Moore was the grade three champion and **Amanda Blair** placed as runner-up.

In the fourth grade, **Kimberly Smith** took first place and **Adam Sprague** came in second.

Phelps Principal William Miller told us, "The purpose of our Spelling Bee is two-fold: first, to encourage and promote excellence in spelling; and secondly, to reward outstanding academic achievement."

We congratulate all competitors for a fine job! Following is a list of all 38 participants:

GRADE TWO: Kristan LaGuercia, Julie Pontz, Vincent Moretti, Nicholas Krolicki, Brittany Theriaque, Michael Locke, Nicole Watt, Melissa Harrington, Michael Peetros, Linda Kelley, Christopher Martin, and Daniel Sherry.

GRADE THREE: Brian Moore, Amanda Blair, Sarah Zaporta, Stacey Preston, Lucy Young, Lucas Dempsey, Erika Martin, Adam Tapply, Kimberly Landry, Marc Tully, Kate Barry, Monica Davilli, Lindsay Morisset, and Natalie Wayte.

GRADE FOUR: Kimberly Smith, Manuela Caran-nante, Davida Flynn, Sara Gregory, Heather Ferguson, James Wisniewski, Daniel Owczarski, Adam Sprague, Michael Federico, Amy Jensen, Casey Gaulin, and Tony LeClair.

PEER LEADERS - from Page 37...

Clubs at AHS include American Field Service (AFS), As Schools Match Wits, Bible Study Group, French Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Math Club, Mathematics Team, Model Congress, National Honor Society, Office Aides, Prom Committee, S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving), Spanish Honor Society, and Peer Leadership.

The Importance Of Mid-Terms And Final Exams

Junior High student also found out that mid-term exams in January and finals in June were important. The grades for these exams counted on the report card as 20 percent of the grade for each class, according to Linda.

She added, "It doesn't take long to figure things out, and the teachers are really good about helping you find your classes if you should get lost on the first few days."

Peer Leaders that spoke with eighth graders included: Jamie Lewis, Kristin Gallerani, Kerry Thompson, Michelle Mercadante, Tina DeCaro, Amy Daudelin, Maria Ferrentino, Linda Labonte, Kathy Arenstam, Sharon Jacaprarro, Colleen Meagher, Carmelina DeCaro, Michael Dutton, Joan Mineo, Michelle Dutton, Suzanne Brown, Joy Conte, and Amanda Sunny.

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TOP SPELLERS AT PHELPS SCHOOL included, back row - Kristan LaGuercia, Amanda Blair, and Adam Sprague; front row - Julie Pontz, Brian Moore, and Kimberly Smith. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Smoke Free Class Of 2002" Poster Winners



RECENTLY, PHELPS SCHOOL participated in the "Smoke Free Class Of 2002" Poster Contest, and Matthew McGrath (right) was the contest's overall winner of a \$50 savings bond. Carolyn Taugher was a runner-up. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ROBINSON BROWNIE TROOP 555

As we near the end of another school year, Brownie troop 555 can look back at a lot of fun times and new experiences. As first-year Brownies, we were able to earn try-its for the first time. With much enthusiasm, we made puppets, dolls, baked bread, made butter, had an ethnic food celebration, and learned a variety of new games and folk dances.

Our trips this year included a hay ride at the Pumpkin Farm and bowling at the Agawam Bowl. We look forward to upcoming trips to the Barnum & Bailey Circus, Stanley Park, and Fitness First. Selling cookies was another first for us. Everyone did a great job selling. We send our special thanks to our cookie moms, Nanci Campi and Maryanne Margotta.

We worked on a variety of projects for the residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. These included holiday decorations, placemats, and cards.

Third grade Brownie troop 553 graciously invited us to one of their meetings. We thank them for this special experience.

Finally, we would like to thank the parents of our troop members for all of their help and support. They have so much to do with our success and good times.

ROBINSON JUNIOR TROOP 543

Troop 543 has accomplished many activities throughout the year doing community service projects, earning badges, going on field trips, and most of all having fun. We decorated bulletin boards on a monthly basis at Heritage Hall-West.

Our girls also made centerpieces with residents from Heritage Hall-North. We've earned the "Sign of the World," "Girl Scouting in the U.S.A.," "Communications," "Out-Door Dabbler," "Looking Your Best," and "Junior Citizen." We've helped the Agawam Junior Women's club with pre-setup for their Town Fair, and we've helped with the Annual Town Clean-up.

We took an exciting trip to Salem, MA, visiting the Salem Historical Museum, the Salem Witch Museum, and the House of the Seven Gables. As a culmination of our year's activities, we will be spending two nights at Camp Bonnie Brae, learning new outdoor and camping skills.

Have a safe and fun summer. See you in the Fall!

ROBINSON BROWNIE TROOP 553

We have had a very busy year and a lot of fun along the way. We have been visiting our adopted grandmothers at Heritage Hall. The girls have made some very special friends there.

Our trip to the Springfield newspaper was very interesting, and we enjoyed a tour of StageWest and lunch at Baystate all in the same day. We still have a lot of plans for the rest of the year.

We are having an ice cream party as a year-end bash. The girls have worked very hard on their bridging activities. We spent a weekend at Camp Bonnie Brae in March, completing all of our requirements.

In May, we've planned a formal Dad & Me dinner, with the girls cooking, followed by a bridging ceremony.

ROBINSON BROWNIE TROOP 580

Since October, Daisy troop 580 consisting of Katie Gorman, Stacy Boisvert, Elizabeth Barker, Vanessa Beharry, Sarah Bishop, Dawn Ezold, Kelly Horton, Kayla Jasmin, Victoria Littlefield, and Jacqueline Perreault, have been meeting on Friday afternoons.

We have also enjoyed many activities such as the Agawam Unit Christmas party and Rollaway ice cream party, our Investiture, an Easter party and egg hunt at the Gormans, Girl Scout Sunday, and a puppet show/meeting with Brownie troop 539.

We will be closing our year soon with a Bridging Ceremony and a family pool party and picnic. We have all enjoyed getting to know each other and look forward to Brownies in the fall.

(If we haven't heard what your troop has been doing all year, why not? The "Girl Scout Chatter" column is a great resource for other leaders to get different ideas for troop meetings and activities. Let us know what grand finale you have planned for the end of the year. Send any information to Gail Borkosky, 151 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.)

Awards And Recognitions by Gail Borkosky

All year long, men and women volunteer their time and reach out their hands to Girl Scouts everywhere. On May 19th, the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council let us know how much they appreciate us. The Awards and Recognitions banquet was hosted by the Agawam Unit this year at St. John's Church in Agawam with Mistress of Ceremonies Mary Jenewin-Caplin.

The evening kicked off with a flag ceremony by the individually registered Senior Scouts from Agawam. Good food was provided by the Agawam Service Unit, and great entertainment by Gerri Stirlacci (stand-up comedian), the silver sounds of the Pioneer Valley Singers, and a Girl Scout play by James Clark School Brownie troop 563 was enjoyed by all.

But, the highlight of the evening was the

chance to recognize individually the true examples of Girl Scouting. The Awards and Recognitions Committee gave many awards that night, but the following are the accomplishments of the Agawam Unit alone:

Membership Pins: 15 years, Chris Marsh; 10 years, Jeannette Bilodeau; 10 years, Linda Grace; 10 years, Lyn O'Brien.

Margaret Bilodeau—Seven years as Unit Manager and recipient of Honor Pin.

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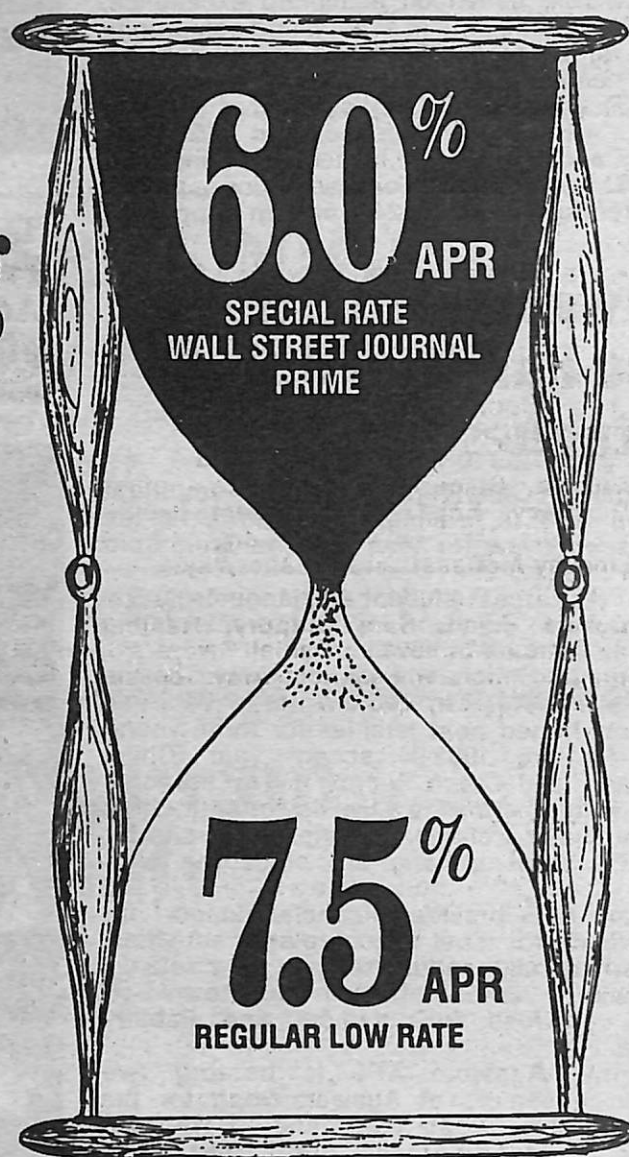
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UNICO Announces Scholarship Winners From Agawam High

The members of Agawam Unico National, Unico President Tom Coppola, and the members of the Scholarship Committee (Chairman Walter Balboni, Richard Morassi, Frank Pignatere, Thomas Martinelli and Tom Coppola), are pleased to announce the following students who will be the recipients of this year's scholarship awards:

Krysten Damato, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Damato of Simpson Circle; **Elizabeth McNamee**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McNamee of South Street; **Joy-Ann Conte**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conte of Barry Street; **Angela Baggetta**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baggetta of Adams Street; **Addie DiMare**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David DiMare of Rising Street; and **Christina Ferrari**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ferrari of Memorial Drive.

In addition to the scholarship awards, the Brian Piccolo Award will be presented to **Nicholas Langone**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Langone of Shoemaker Lane. This award is presented annually in memory of football star Brian Piccolo, a member of the Chicago Bears football team who died of cancer at the height of his career.

The awards, based on academic excellence, personal achievements in school, and community service, will be presented at the annual scholarship dinner on Wednesday, June 9th, at Alexander's Restaurant. Cocktails are from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., with dinner commencing at 7:15 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to attend at a cost of \$14 per person. For reservations, please call Walter Balboni at 786-2438 or Tom Coppola at 786-2701.

Agawam AFS Seeks Host Family For Portuguese Student

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking a host family for the 1993-94 school year for Miss Johanna Grillo from Lisbon, Portugal.

AFS is the largest student exchange organization in the world. Agawam AFS will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 1994.

Johanna is 17 and will be a member of the senior class at Agawam High. Agawam AFS has already confirmed host families for three young women for the 1993-94 school year (Chile, Switzerland, and Czech Republic). The students arrive in August following a five day orientation at Bay Path Junior College, the orientation site for most AFS students who are placed in New England.

Agawam AFS provides financial support for AFS students for most school-related activities. AFS International, headquartered in New York City (but with a district office in downtown Springfield), provides full medical and liability coverage.

Presently, Agawam AFS is hosting five students as seniors at Agawam High for the 1992-93 school year (Germany, Paraguay, Australia, Egypt, and France), and all five young women will be graduating with the AHS Class of 1993 at Symphony Hall on Sunday, June 6th.

If you are interested in hosting or wish further information about Agawam AFS, call Mary Ellen Bruce Hanrahan at AHS, 789-1400, ext. 421 (days), or Ric Sardella, 786-7747 or 786-8137 (days), or 789-2005 (evenings).

You and your family could be in for an experience that will last a lifetime.

AIC To Honor Jane Lucardi

Jane O'Malley Lucardi, an Agawam educator, will be honored for her 45 year career in education, at American International College Reunion Weekend, June 4th-6th.

Two Springfield natives, William E. Conniff and Harry N. Aizenstat, will receive Alumni Awards. Mrs. Lucardi will receive the Alumni Achievement Award.

Mrs. Lucardi, a Suffield resident, is a native of Springfield. She earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from AIC in 1943. She also holds a master of education degree from Framingham State College, and a Certificate of Advanced Studies from the University of Connecticut.

After a short career as a chemist, Mrs. Lucardi began her teaching career in Springfield. In 1972, she made the transition from the classrooms to administration. For the past 21 years she has served as a guidance counselor in the Agawam Public Schools. She is currently a counselor at Agawam Junior High School.

Robinson Park School Loves Ice Cream



THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB was the site of a family night for Robinson Park School featuring make-your-own sundaes. **IN TOP PHOTO**, Danny Adamski and Chris Davis gobble down their ice cream sundaes in anticipation of seconds. The event was sponsored by the school's PTO. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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7. How to bring out excellence in your child through discipline and tender loving care; and other valuable techniques.

Professor Arvind Karnik should know, since he has already accomplished this for many students he has tutored and as a professor at Springfield Technical Community College. Professor Karnik has over 18 years teaching experience and he was a top student in school himself.

He holds graduate degrees with highest honors in engineering from Rutgers University in New Jersey and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

According to Professor Karnik, "No child is a failure! If you do not see that TOP PERFORMANCE in your child right now, don't lose hope!" Call the library at 789-1550 to register for this valuable seminar to learn some valuable techniques that will bring out the excellence in your child.

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Congregational Playgroup Visits Firemen



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Cooperative Playgroup paid a visit to the Elm Street Fire Station on May 11th and were greeted by firefighter Ceccarini. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS AWARDS NIGHT Tuesday, June 1st

All local scholarship donors and student recipients are asked to come to the AHS foyer at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1st for pictures with Jack Devine to be published in our June 17th Graduation Edition.

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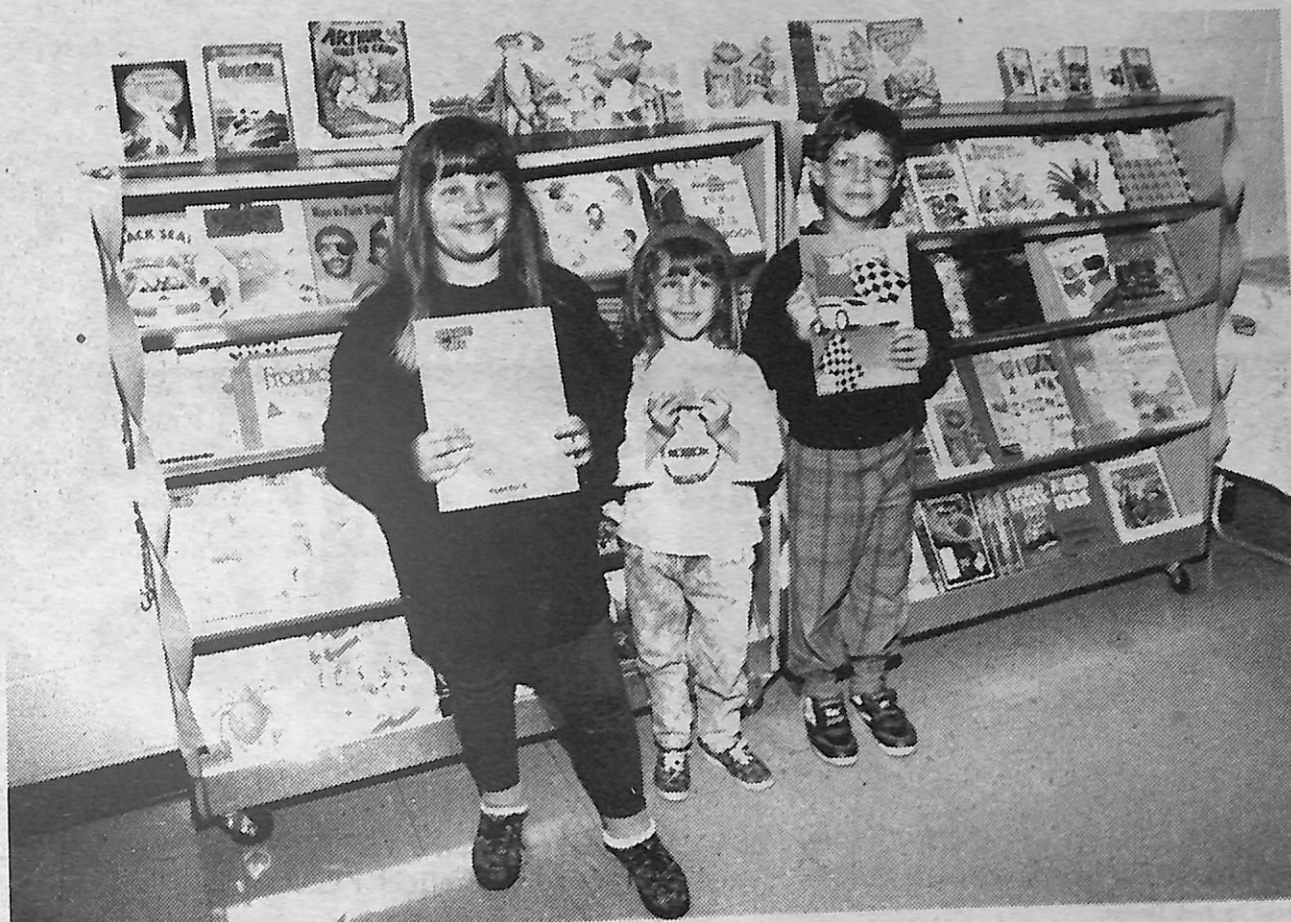
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CLARK SCHOOL STUDENTS, from left - Kathren Fontaine, Carolyn Fontaine, and Steven Forni select their books at the school's Annual Book Fair on May 14th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rock-A-Thon At St. David's Church



PARTICIPATING IN THE RECENT St. David's Church Junior Youth Group Rock-A-Thon are, from left - Charlie Denison, Andrea Callahan, Nikki Lawson, Theresa Wesley, Stephen Walters, Kelly Fitzgerald, Alyssa Moore, Sarah Cowan, Bill Maroni, Kristen Lawson, and Betsy Cowan.

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Directed and operated by award-winning actor/directors Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora, these camps involve children in activities ranging from publicity to set construction, as well as basic stage craft techniques.

This exciting summer series begins with "Pan of Neverland" by Lyle Pearsons, an original premiere production for children five to 11 years old. This camp will take place June 28th, 29th, 30th, and July 1st, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (first week), and July 5th through 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (second week). Showdates for "Pan of Neverland" are July 9th and 10th at 7:30 p.m., and July 10th and 11th at 2:00 p.m.

The second offering is "The Sword and the Crystal," a Medieval adventure by Margie Secora premiering July 23rd and 24th at 7:30 p.m., and July 24th and 25th at 2:00 p.m. The camp days for this show are July 12th through 15th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (first week), and July 19th through 23rd, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (second week).

This original tale of knights and wizards, kings and princesses is for students nine to 15 years-old.

The final STAGE camp will be a new adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" by Pearsons and Secora for young people seven to 15 years-old. Camp begins August 9th through 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (first week), continues August 16th through 20th (second week), and culminates with performances August 20th and 21st at 7:30 p.m., and August 21st and 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

All camps are \$175 each. Children bring their lunch, but a snack is provided.

The camp is held at The Red Door Theatre, located on the beautiful grounds of The Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center, 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, MA.

Enrollment is limited and because many veteran students return year after year, the camps fill quickly. An early response is suggested, and the numbers to call for applications or more information are (413) 569-0318 or (203) 668-0858.

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Sports

AHS Girls' Tennis Finishes At 11-3; Get Fourth Seed

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High was banging the tennis ball and Mother Nature was bringing the rain. Ultimately, Westfield High would put up the cry "No Mas" and forfeited the final regular season match.

With the win, the Brownie netters ended their campaign at 11-3 and they'll draw a home assignment against league rival Ludlow on Thursday, May 27th, in the opening round of the Western Mass. Tournament.

The Brownies are seeded third behind heavy favorite Longmeadow and second seeded Amherst Regional. Fourth seeded Pittsfield will host West Springfield in the other quarterfinal match.

The Brownies finished in a three way tie for first in the league with Ludlow and Chicopee Comp. The Brownies draw the Lions at home because they beat them in the season's only head-to-head battle. Chicopee Comp beat AHS in April when a band trip left the Brownie team shorthanded.

Brownie Golfers Now Sporting A Lofty 13-0 Record

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Once they qualified to compete in the Western Mass Team Championships, the Agawam High golf Brownies have become even tougher to beat. The locals captured 21 of their last 24 individual matches, and the AHS undefeated mark has now ballooned to 13-0.

The Brownies won all six matches against Amherst by taking an easy 15½-2½ verdict on the road. The Brownies were paced by Brian Borecki and Ryan Harlin, who each carded 38's on the day.

One day later, the Brownies captured a 10½-7½ victory at Oak Ridge over the Falcons of Minnechaug High. The Brownies lost both matches at the top of the six-man field, but came roaring home with four straight wins (which turned out to be plenty enough to win their 11th match without a defeat).

A match against tough Ludlow High on the back nine at Westover saw D J Rapacki (36) and Brian Borecki (40) both turn in Western Mass qualifying scores en route to a resounding 16-2 triumph for the locals' 12th straight win.

Last Thursday afternoon (May 20th), life stayed just groovy for the Agawam kids as they bulked up again and pounded the Lancers of Longmeadow High, 14½-3½, by winning five matches and zapping their opposition by some 55 overall strokes.

Eric Charest shot a 37 from the number six slot in the batting order for the Brownies, and the rest of the group kept it pretty steady at 40 or 41—which was easily good enough to turn the home meet into an absolute rout over the normally strong team from Longmeadow.

Agawam was scheduled to play East Longmeadow on Monday afternoon at Franconia, but scheduling conflicts precluded that match from taking place.

AHS Junior Varsity Softball, '93



MEMBERS OF AGAWAM HIGH's junior varsity softball team. Back row (l-r) - Coach Lynnda Kunasek, Cindy Liska, Laura Mutti, Janell Eskine, Laura Rapa, Steph Biza, and Amy Freeman. Front row - Courtne Hyland, Katie LaBreck, Becky Wing, Amy Hume, Kristen Tierney, and Nicole Boyer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Western Mass. High School Track Tourney Slated For May 29th At Spfld. College

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

If the weather is good this Saturday, May 29th, it might not be a bad day to take the family over to Springfield College to check out the Western Mass. High School Track Championships.

Agawam High School will be well-represented, especially with two talented and polished relay teams. The boys are fresh off a powerful win in the 4 x 400 relay race at the individuals last Saturday at Chicopee Comp. And the girls whisked home first in the 4 x 100 at the same meet.

Dan Pryce, Brandon Moore, James Willis, and Dan Moriarty blazed around in the relay in 3:39 to finish two seconds better than Westfield. Taconic (who did not compete in the same meet) won its meet in 3:40 and that should provide great competition at the Western Mass. Meet.

Moriarty will also be after the individual 400 meter crown. He showed his stuff last Saturday by dashing once around the oval in 52.4 (more than a full second faster than anybody else on the track).

Nick Langone will compete in the discus throw following his 121'6" toss (second place) at Chicopee Comp. Pryce got third in the shot at the

individuals with a 42½ foot toss.

Joe Scherpa will compete in the pole vault; Chris Benjamin will try his luck in the 110 high hurdles; Tommy Briggs will be trying to win the long jump competition.

Willis turned in an excellent time of 54.3 in the 400 and he will also participate in that event at Western Mass.

Kara McDade, Eric Schlaffer, Rose Pignatara, and Nina Giordano edged both Central and Cathedral High Schools in the 4 x 100 relay last Saturday. The Agawam kids finished in 53.2. The Panthers and Golden Eagles both hit the line in 53.6.

Pignatara will also have a chance to pick up some hardware in the javelin toss and long jump. Diane Deluce will run the one mile for AHS and Sue DeFilipi will try to win the high jump following her 4'9" finish (second) at the individuals.

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AHS Loses Ballgame To Cathedral By The Score Of 15-1

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High dropped its fifth consecutive Valley League contest last Friday afternoon as it got the blunt end of a Cathedral bludgeoning in a 15-1 pasting in front of a rather good-sized crowd at Agawam High.

Three Brownie hurlers took turns getting blasted in this one. Brian Colby, Brian Anderson, and Nate Wooley all got a shot at sitting in the frying pan.

Chris Streeter and John Kryzak hit back to back RBI triples to get the game off to a flying start for the Panthers in the first inning. Kryzak rode home with the third run on an RBI groundout by Andy Chase and the Brownies had fallen behind again. The first inning has been most troublesome for the Agawam nine in recent weeks.

Agawam (6-11) came charging back and looked to be breaking the serve of Jim Cronk right away. Cronk had shackled the Brownies earlier in the season in the league opener, but Wooley walked leading off and Jeff Campbell found some green grass for his off-field blooper. A wild pitch moved those runners along and Eric Mastroianni worked a walk to load the bases for Joe Gaylor.

The big first baseman grounded one down to first. The first sacker looked at home, but decided to take the sure "one" at first and the Brownies had closed to within 3-1. Jeff Henderson struck out for the second out and Brian Klinakis (a catcher) had everyone's heart pounding when he bounced a Baltimore Chop off the plate and it soared on a high hop out to the second baseman. The ball took a long time to come earthward again, but the throw beat Klinakis and the rally was ended.

Colby issued two walks in the second, but escaped unscathed and the Brownies still had life in their second inning. Tavie Johnson got a two out walk to make it interesting, but Wooley bounced to short for the third out.

Streeter led the third with a single for Cathedral. He stood on third with two outs after a popup, a ground out, and two wild pitches. A walk and a stolen base preceded Bruce Rossignol's two run, opposite field single to left that quickly put the lead at 5-1.

Cronk gave Gaylor a chopping basehit in the third and that was the extent of the Agawam offense for the next two innings, including a "whiffing the side" performance by Cronk in the fourth.

Defense Makes Costly Errors

Colby wasn't pitching badly and tried to stay in it until his defense let him down in the fifth when

the Panthers blew it wide open. Three singles plated one run with one out and then the Agawam right side of the infield (Gaylor and Mastroianni) each made costly errors on routine ground balls to open the floodgates for an eight run inning. The surge was capped by Cory Romboletti's three run triple to the fence in right-center. Streeter got Romboletti home with a ground out and the Panthers had taken charge 13-1.

Back to back triples by Chase and Cronk in the sixth started another two run outburst and the Panthers had left little doubt.

Henderson whacked a lead double in the sixth for Agawam, but he was unable to score and the Brownies didn't get another runner again until Brian Pelligrino slapped a two out single to right center in the seventh.

Agawam High's JV Baseball Team



THE 1993 JUNIOR VARSITY baseball team for AHS. Back row - Coach Sheehan, Mike Dommiange, Carm Batista, Marc Sales, Neil White, Ryan Henderson, Bob Burke, Mike Perry, and Derek Vrijenhook. Front row - Rick Locke, Joe Checcitelli, Steve Sigafosse, Brian Boyer, Tony Circosta, Jim Baldyga, and Andy Ingham. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. "40 And Over" Softball League Looking For Players

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Agawam Earns "Upset" Victory Over Amherst

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Agawam High School softball Coach Debbie Lickley might well have been preparing herself for a fire and brimstone chat with her staggering troops late in their ballgame with undefeated Amherst last Wednesday afternoon.

The Brownies had played a terrible game all the way around and they trailed 5-1 in front of their home crowd as the contest reached the home half of the seventh. Miss Lickley had told *The AAN* that her team would have to play "a perfect ballgame" to down the undefeated Hurricanes. Nothing of the sort had occurred in front of the many witnesses.

Brownies Stun The Crowd

Then, in the blink of an eye, Miss Lickley's post-game comments would have to change radically. Somehow, the Hurricanes fell victim to an acute virus of wayward throwing in that seventh. And the game ended with April Rapa roaring across home plate carrying the winning run in a stunning 6-5 comeback victory for the 15-3 Brownies.

Amherst (17-1) never seized complete control of the game. However, so many strange things occurred along the way that the Brownies had to feel as if it wasn't their day. For example, Agawam's all-league catcher Stephanie Mason seemed to sum up the game in the top of the seventh with a most extraordinary gaffe.

With runners on second and third and two outs, Mason attempted to ballfake the runner back to third. The ball slipped out of her hand as she unintentionally connected with the batter's leg and the ball rolled out of play. Amherst scored its fifth run to take the lead 5-1. That capped what had been a totally frustrating afternoon for the Brownies.

From there it would get much, much better—very, very quickly. In the seventh, Kate Vivenzio rolled a ball out to shortstop Jenny Pariseau. The veteran infielder came up with the ball cleanly and airmailed her first baseman with the throw. The ever-clutch Mason belted a double to left-center putting two runners in scoring position. Chris Bousquet banged another ball on the ground to short and Mason tried to play "mind games" with Pariseau by bluffing her way towards third. Jenny fired one five feet over the first baseman's head again and two runs crossed with Bousquet walking into second.



AHS' VARSITY SOFTBALL SENIORS - Debbie Conklin, Laura Bielitz, Coach Debbie Lickley, Kim Trudel, and Steph Mason. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Debbie Conklin made the first out when her hard liner to right was speared. Kim Trudel rolled a seeing-eye single through the middle to plate Bousquet and Kimmer became the tying run over at first.

Rapa got hit by a pitch and both runners moved along on a wild pitch. Laura Bielitz performed Agawam's safety squeeze play perfectly to allow Trudel to score the tying run and Rapa checked in at third.

Carolyn Angelini bounced a routine three hopper to second base and would have been out by a mile—if the ball hadn't been thrown half way to Timbuktu again! Game, set, and match for Agawam.

The Brownies took a 1-0 lead for Cyndi Stone in the first inning as Bousquet singled home Mason, who had led with a single and a stolen base.

Amherst tied it in the second inning, but only after catching a break. Kathleen Poe singled to deep short leading off and went to third one out later when Erin Morrissey's blooper to center got beyond Debbie Conklin for a double.

Lucia Maraniss rolled a hot shot to Becky Wing

(a newcomer from junior varsity) and the frosh fielded it cleanly. She then hesitated and never made the throw home until it was too late. Later, she noted that her throw would have hit the runner due to the angle. Stone pitched out of further difficulty with a strikeout and popup. The score was tied 1-1.

The Agawam hitting attack was limited the rest of the ballgame. After Emily Jones walked Kristen Schmaelzle and Mason in the third, Agawam didn't have another baserunner until Vivenzio singled leading the fifth.

Stone issued two walks with two outs in the third and danced out of trouble, but her luck wasn't as good in the fourth. Wing botched a grounder leading off and fired it high to Trudel at first. It turned out to be no big deal because Schmaelzle made a great backup from her rightfield position and gunned out Morrissey trying to take an extra base on the play.

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Locals Fall Behind By 2

A walk to Maraniss and singles by Taylor Watts and Pariseau broke the tie and gave Amherst the lead 2-1. With runners on second and third, Stone got exactly what she wanted with a shot back to the box. She froze the runner on third and zipped a strike to Trudel—who dropped it as the run scored. Two popups ended that frame with Agawam trailing it 3-1.

Poe led the fifth with an infield hit to second. She moved along to scoring position as Stone unleashed a wild pitch. A ground ball and a safety squeeze of their own pushed the Hurricane lead to 4-1.

Vivencio and Bousquet singled to put some pressure on for the Brownies in the fifth, and Trudel walked with two outs to load the bases. With the tying run on base, Rapa popped to the surehanded Pariseau to end the inning.

More awful defense came in the sixth, but the Brownies somehow were able to escape with no runs being scored against them. Watts walked to open the frame and Pariseau flied to center. Meghan Reid hit a boulder down to Trudel, who flipped the ball to an uncovered base.

Bousquet rushed to get into position and caught up with the ball before firing to Wing at third for the out on Watts. Wing made the tag and then buzzed the ball down to Rapa at the second base bag to complete your basic 3-4-5-6 Double Play! Hmmm... Was this Agawam's chance?

Nope. The Brownies went in order in the sixth and appeared to have done themselves in during the top of the seventh as Amherst stretched the lead on a walk, a bloop single by Poe, a Stone wild pitch, and Mason's error. It was all but over when Amherst led 5-1.

Not many Brownies figured that they would spend any time in the winner's circle last Wednesday afternoon. Five minutes later, they were all enjoying a victory celebration.

Week Number Six...

Golf Tip Of The Week

by Jim Modzelesky, PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills

Lifting the heel

A slight lifting or rolling of the left heel is a common problem that may exist from the beginning or slip into a golfer's swing gradually.

Basically, this error is responsible for what pro Ray Williams calls "the menagerie"—the entire unwelcome family of errors: inaccuracy, poor power, etc.

Lifting the heel causes poor use of your body and often results in a "fat" shot (that is, hitting behind the ball).

Correction

The heel is crucial in the transfer of body weight from the back foot to the front foot. As in most areas of golf, there are at least two large armies of opinion.

In the case of the heel, both armies have expert leaders. Jack Nicklaus uses a slight rolling motion of the foot and lifts his heel slightly as he swings. Gene Littler uses a slight rolling motion, but his heel doesn't lift.

You should practice both of these methods and adopt whichever one cures your "menagerie" of heel-related faults.

Brownies Bow To West Springfield, 6-1, In Girls' High School Softball Action

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The regular season finale had plenty of playoff implications and skyhigh emotions as the Terriers of West Springfield High visited the Brownies of Agawam High on Monday afternoon.

Agawam wanted to exact a measure of revenge in the game as it had essentially handed the Terriers a seventh inning, come-from-behind victory two weeks ago in West Side. AND players and/or supporters of the West Springfield softball program had come to Agawam High School during the nighttime (following that first ballgame) and participated in major acts of vandalism and destruction of public property.

The Brownies (16-4) should have had no difficulty getting themselves juiced for the game. They just never seemed to get it going. So it was that the Terriers broke open a close ballgame with a four run seventh inning and walked out of Agawam with a 6-1 victory and a sweep of the regular season series.

West Side turned two cheap hits into a run in the first frame. Cyndi Stone walked Heather Boisvere leading the ballgame and then Clarise Berard's sacrifice bunt attempt was so good that she beat the play to first for a basehit.

Sherrie Fimbel walked to load the bases with nobody out. Cleanup hitter Tammy Landon strode to the plate and took a mighty and ferocious cut. The result was a spinning popup that landed about six feet beyond the first base bag for an RBI single. Stone came back to get a lineout and two short fly balls to escape further damage.

The Brownies went in order in the first inning and then had to fend off another big West Side chance. An infield throwing error had a runner on second with one out and a wild pitch moved her to third. Boisvere executed the safety squeeze to give the visitors the 2-0 advantage.

The next three hitters reached on a hit by pitch, a walk and a single, but Stone burned strike three past Michelle Charland to get out of it relatively cheaply.

Stone would retire the next eight Terriers to face her and she threw four consecutive zeroes on the middle inning scoreboard. But the Brownies couldn't seem to sneak that big hit in there to get themselves going.

They didn't get their first hit until Carolyn Angelini singled leading the third inning. That almost turned into something big when Chris

Bousquet lashed a line double along the rightfield line. The ball took a hard right deep down the line and rolled into the junior varsity field. The umpires correctly ruled it a ground rule double and they stopped Angelini at third. Debbie Conklin spun a tricky little pop near the mound, but it was handled cleanly for the final out.

In the fourth, Agawam got Kim Trudel on via a walk and she moved to second on a stolen base. Soon, Kim would run right into an out as she was caught in a quick rundown when the shortstop took April Rapa's grounder and nailed the Agawam senior captain on the bases.

Brownies Cut The Lead

With Laura Bielitz at the plate, Rapa delayed a steal of second and the catcher's throw hit April in the foot. It caromed into deep left-center and the junior shortstop blazed all the way home to cut the lead to 2-1.

Bielitz walked and one out later Angelini roped her second basehit of the game. Agawam couldn't plate either run as Kate Vivencio popped out to terminate that threat.

Agawam got its best baserunner aboard leading the fifth when Stephanie Mason walked. She took off on a straight steal of second on the first pitch and she was gunned down by the Terrier backstop. Naturally, Bousquet followed with a line single down the leftfield line. Nothing materialized from that point.

Stone allowed a lead single in the sixth and then settled down to retire the next three in order. Agawam couldn't get a baserunner in its at-bat (for the first time since the first) and the game went to the deciding seventh inning.

A walk and a grounder that slipped through Rapa's legs had the Brownies in big trouble early in the seventh. And it didn't get any better. Two more walks forced in one run and a Jennie Holloway smash off the glove of Becky Wing at third drove home two more.

Rapa misplayed a liner in the shortstop hole for another error and the floodgates had effectively come crashing down.

Mason drew a two out walk in the seventh to keep a faint heartbeat alive. But it quickly stopped beating and the playoffs had arrived.

The seeding meetings were being held at presstime with Agawam hoping to earn a third seed or better in the upcoming Western Mass. Championships.

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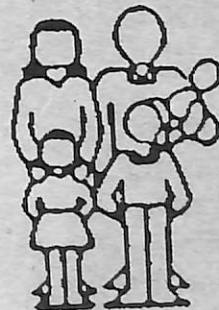
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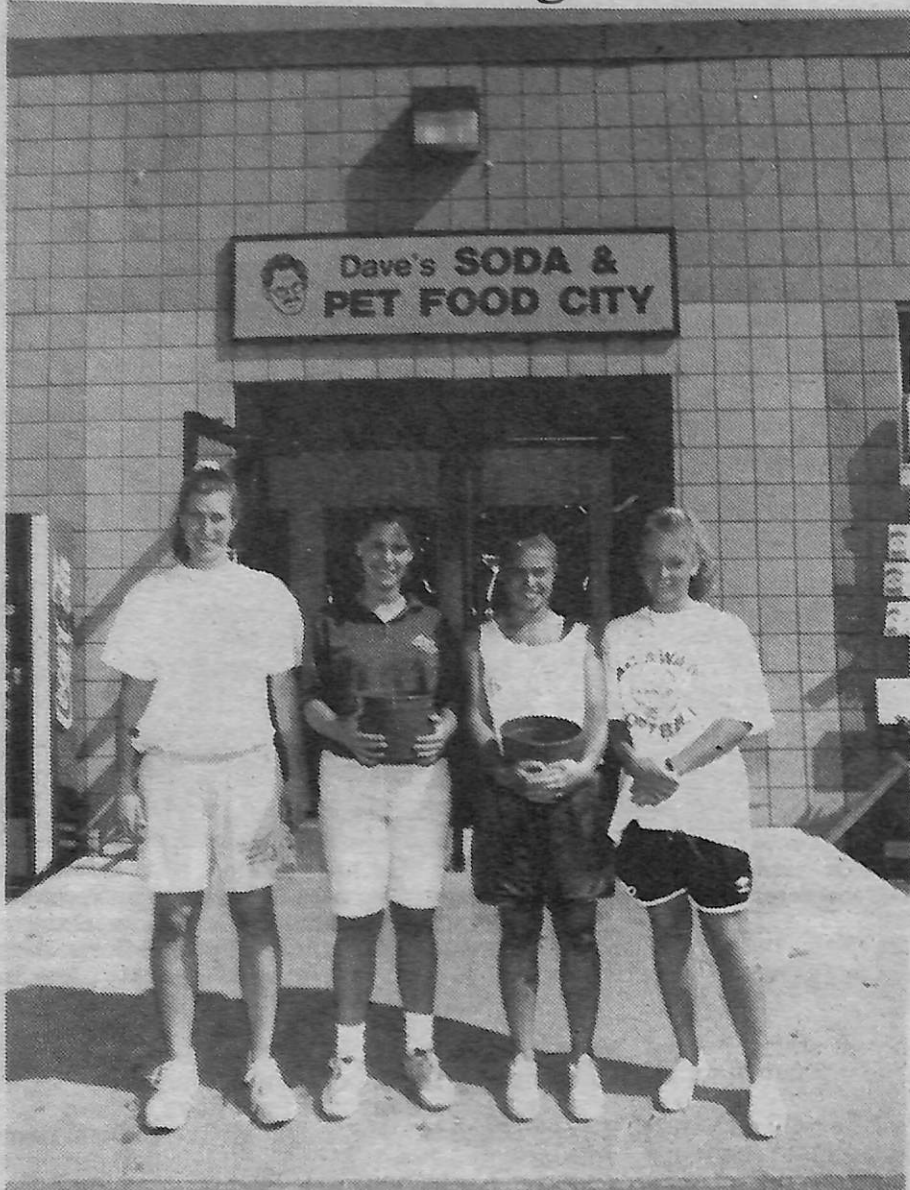
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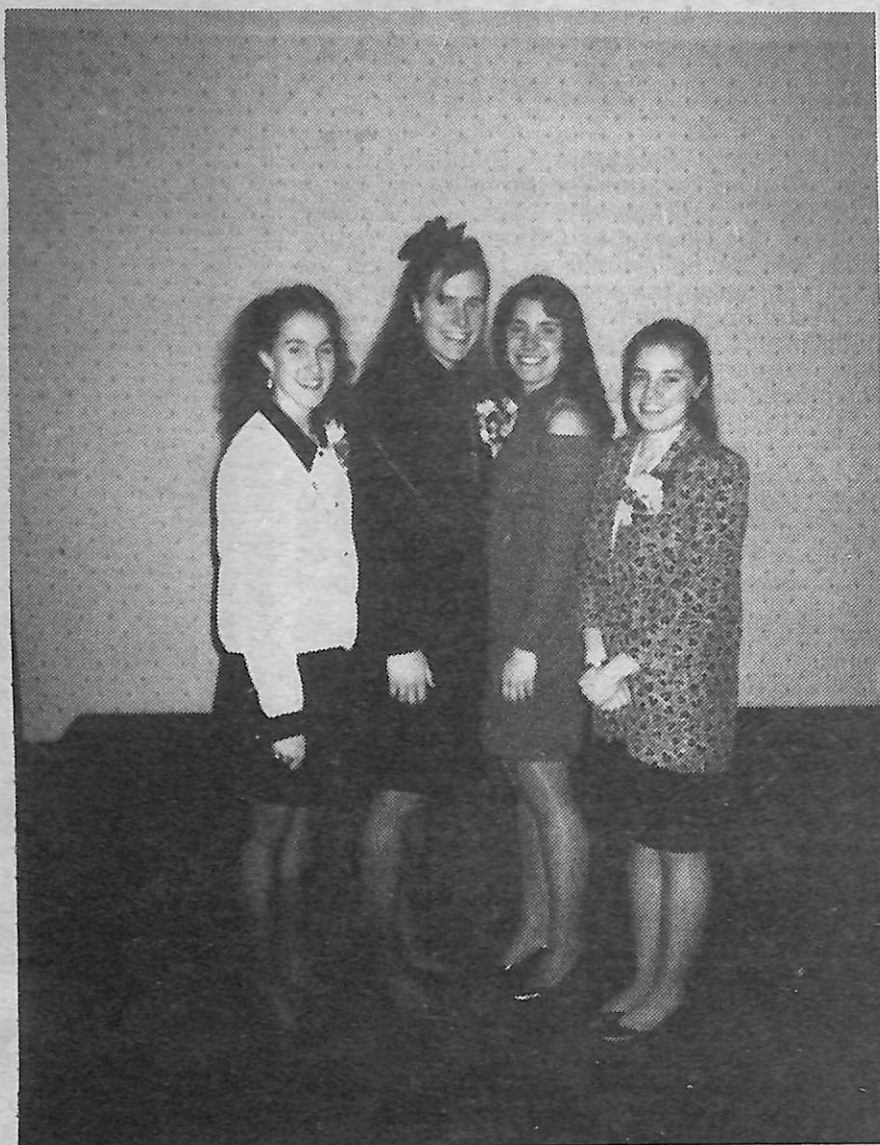
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Can Drive For Ag. Softball



ON SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, members of Agawam High's softball team conducted a fundraising can drive with the help of Dave's Soda & Pet Food City. Pictured above are several team members who contributed their time for this drive - Kim Trudel, Laura Bielitz, Stephanie Mason, and Deb Conklin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Honorees At Basketball Banquet



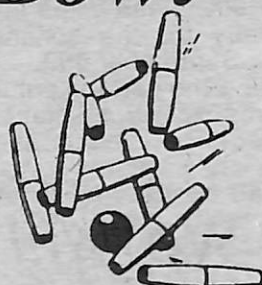
AFTER COMPLETING an impressive 19-3 season (including a trip to the Western Mass semi-finals), the Agawam High School girls' varsity basketball team gathered on March 14th for the annual banquet. Among those in attendance were the following senior members (from left to right): Beth McNamee, Kim Trudel, Laura Bielitz, and Stephanie Mason. The banquet was held at Tekoa Country Club in Westfield.

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The Agawam Recreation Department announces that registration for the following "summer of 1993" programs will begin on Tuesday, June 1st, in the Recreation Office.

There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that we are experiencing severe weather. Notification will be placed on radio station WMAS (1450 AM or 94.7 FM). If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office at 786-0400, extension 456.

ADULT SWIM LESSONS:

Adult swim lessons will be held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m. at Perry Lane Park pool, beginning on Monday, July 12th, through Wednesday, August 11th.

The cost for the lessons will be \$25 for the 10 lessons.

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS:

Swim lessons will be offered at Perry Lane Park Pool to those children four years-old and up who are not attending camp at Perry Lane.

The lessons will be held twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday mornings beginning Tuesday, July 6th through Saturday, August 7th. The cost will be \$15 for the 10 lessons, and class will be 10:00 to 10:50 a.m., or 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

YOUTH/ADULTS TENNIS LESSONS:

Tennis lessons will be offered at the Perry Lane Park tennis courts each Tuesday evening beginning on Tuesday, June 22nd.

Sessions: June 22nd to August 10th (eight weeks).

Times: Tuesdays, 6:00 to 6:50 p.m., ages seven through 14th; 7:00 to 7:50 p.m., ages 15 and up (including adults).

Location: Perry Lane Park tennis courts.

Registration: Recreation Office.

Program Fee: \$15 per person (limit of 10 to each class).

Instructor: Rudy Altobelli.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE:

All volleyball games will be held at Perry Lane Park. Please bring your own volleyballs.

Women's Volleyball will be played on Monday nights beginning June 7th at 6:00 p.m. This program will continue during the summer and there is no charge.

Men's Volleyball will be held every Tuesday night beginning June 8th at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge for this program, which will continue throughout the summer.

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would like to take part in a horse shoe pitching league at Perry Lane Park for the coming summer season.

An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday morning, June 12th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Perry Lane horse shoe pits.

PERRY LANE PARK—POOL FEES (1993):

Perry Lane Park is open to all residents year round (no fee).

The fees and charges will only be for pool use, and special rates will be charged for large picnic groups using the pavilion. All facilities such as the tennis courts, horse shoe pits, volleyball court, etc., are open to the public but can be reserved for clubs or groups who wish to reserve by calling the Recreation Office (786-0400, ext. 456).

PERRY LANE PARK POOL:

The pool will be open on Father's Day weekend beginning Saturday, June 19th (weather permitting), and will be open daily for the summer through Labor Day (Monday, September 6th).

Hours for pool members and the general public will be 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made for special group events or exceptionally hot weather.

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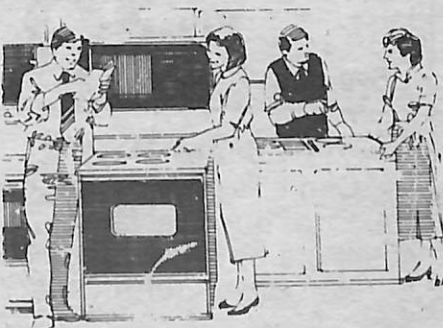
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Some Tough Turkey Hunting

It took to the last day of the second season on turkeys for Kevin Manning of Agawam to shoot his first turkey.

Three times Ted Leal and Kevin were interfered with while calling in a tom. The first time, they both were standing by large pine trees when a turkey answered Ted's homemade call. Ted waited a good space of time before calling again.

Suddenly, they heard the crashing of limbs of leaves behind them. Out of the morning darkness appeared another hunter that looked like he was stalking his enemy. He was looking straight ahead, walking fast towards the tom that had gobbled a few minutes before; what's more, he walked within a few feet of the waiting hunters and never saw them.

Ted said that the stalker was so intense that he was afraid to talk to him, fearing that the man would be so startled he would swing around and shoot.

This wasn't a freak accident that a so-called turkey hunter was violating all the rules and methods of properly hunting turkeys. They had two more similar incidents before Kevin shot his turkey with the Belgian Browning 870 12-gauge that Jim Wheeler's father let them use.

What is the answer? We have rules for properly hunting the birds; seminars are frequently held by adept hunters on the proper methods; and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife has set up a system (in theory) that would make a hunter conscious of what he was doing when turkey hunting, and would go a long way to prevent an accident.

All you need is common sense by the hunter and his fear of hurting another human being. These two ingredients are very lacking these days. All the rules on the books don't mean a hill of beans if they are not adhered to.

Brian Blackak took his turkey, and Clyde Light—one of the best turkey hunters I know—took his 21st tom since he started to hunt them. He has taken turkeys in Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts.

Nearly identical bills that afford harassment protection to sportsmen on federal lands have been introduced in the U.S. Senate.

The Recreational Hunting Safety and Preservation Act, S. 187, has been introduced by Senator Conrad Burns (R-Montana). The Sport Hunting Safety and Preservation Act, S. 388, has since been introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah).

Hearings have yet to be scheduled.

The Connecticut Supreme Court will hear an appeal by animal rights activists challenging the Constitutionality of that state's hunter harassment law.

The case, *Connecticut vs. Catherine Ball*, stems from a bowhunter (Robert Dubois) entering the Tunxis State Forest in West Hartland. Meeting



CLYDE LIGHT of Feeding Hills, displays his 21st Turkey.



KEVIN MANNING of Agawam bagged his first turkey.

him in the parking lot, members of the Animal Rights Front informed Dubois that they would use him to test the state's hunter harassment law; the group followed him into the woods and surrounded him, blocking his entry.

The incident occurred in the presence of a state conservation officer who proceeded to arrest the group members.

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Luigi's Pizza	3	3
Mac's Soft Serve	3	3
McCarthy Tile	3	3
Agawam Fed. Credit Union	2	4
Brian David C.P.A.	1	4
John's Trucking	0	6

(Joe Rosinski of the Athletics [Colonial Funeral Home] recently hit his first home run over the fence.)

S.H.A.A. Boys' 10-12 League Standings

Aldrich Ins.	5	0
Fitness First	3	1
Microtest Labs	3	3
Westfield Savings	3	3
Agawam Police	2	4
One-Stop Redemption	0	5

S.H.A.A. Boys' 13-16 League Standings

J. Russo Paving	8	0
Valenti's	7	1
Dreyer	5	2
Casa Di Lisa	3	4
Stevens' Travel	1	4
Bonavita Law	0	8

S.H.A.A. Girls' 10-13 League Standings

TEAM		
Valenti's	5	0
Hastie Fence	3	2
Steven's Travel	2	2
Soda & Pet Food City	1	2
Kinsley Trucking	0	5

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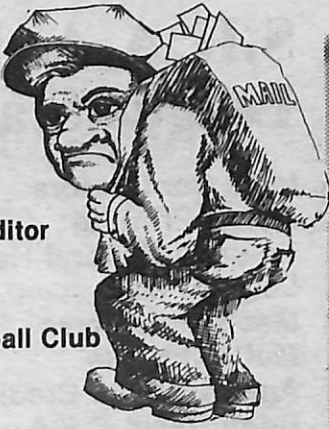
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Outgoing Mail...

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Mr. Jerry Trubiano
c/o Boston Red Sox Baseball Club
Fenway Park
Yawkey Way
Boston, MA



Dear Jerry,

Since you are presently holding the job that I have aspired to hold since 1961, I have always felt as if I could critique the position at any time I chose.

First of all, welcome to Boston. I hope that you enjoy it here. I also want to tell you that I have not had many nice things to say about your work since you arrived. The team has played a little better than most of us expected and that has kept us interested, but I have a couple of comments to make to you.

My first thought centers around your introduction of the hitters in the Red Sox batting order. I listened very carefully on Saturday (against the Yankees) while driving to New Hampshire from Western Massachusetts. On countless occasions, you told us that so and so was "due for a homer" or "capable of hitting a homer." Other times, you would announce that "the Sox could really use a long one here" or "a long ball would get this thing even."

Jerry, at that point in time, the Red Sox had hit just 17 homers all season and yet had managed to stay within earshot of first place. Each time that you "request" a homer from a player, I believe that you teach a little kid that a homer is the only thing that is acceptable in that situation. Don't forget, you are planting seeds for a lot of prospective baseball fans. Don't get so caught up in homeruns. Your job is to report the action, not to anticipate it. Set the table and then let the players write the story.

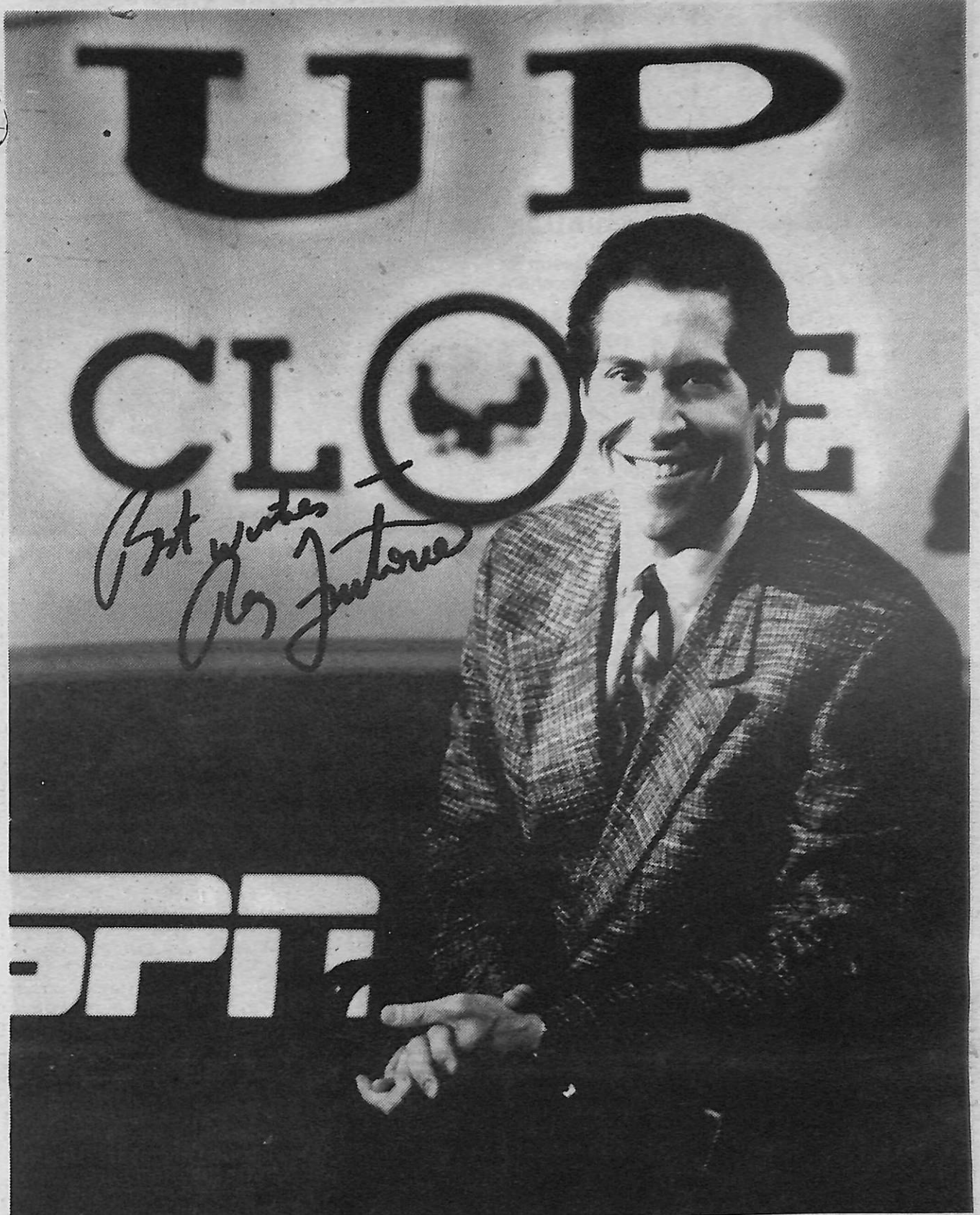
We had the best radio broadcaster I've ever heard (Ken Coleman) for a lot of summers around here. You may want to listen to some of his tapes to see why he was so enjoyed around these parts.

Also, will you please stop asking questions that you already know the answers to? You must be driving Joe Castiglione crazy with that stuff. Sometimes, he doesn't even answer you when you do that. It's as if you are trying to show off your baseball knowledge. Jerry, your knowledge is not in question nor will it ever be—unless you make it an issue.

One more thing, if the Sox are trailing 2-0 in the third inning, don't make it sound like Armageddon. I remember the second game of the season in KC when they trailed David Cone 1-0 in the second, you made it sound as if there wasn't a chance on earth that they could come back! Remember, each team will win a third of their games no matter what they do; they'll lose a third of them no matter what they do; and the other third is what determines championships.

Frankly, my fourth point is also a negative. Your pre-game show on Saturday against the Yankees was poor. I know it was a network game and it started a little bit late, but you had ample notice that it would get underway a little late. You have a job that a lot of people would like to have (myself included) and I believe that you could have spent a little extra time producing something special for that Yankee-Red Sox game. You rehashed and rehashed the game from the night before and staggered all the way up until the time when you handed it over to Joe.

This letter may sound a little tough on you, but I am rooting for you to improve and get with the program. I spend an awful lot of time listening to



ESPN'S RAY FIRESTONE, a subject of Bob Johnson's "Outgoing Mail" a while back, forwarded this photo of himself to add to the collection of "Outgoing Mail" respondents.

Red Sox baseball and it can be done right. Your partner is excellent. The man has paid his dues and he is obviously a hard worker. You should take a cue from that.

Red Sox fans are special people—guys and gals who have been through a lot with the Olde Towne Team. We demand excellence and yet we settle for mediocrity so often. Mediocrity on the field is one thing, but in the radio booth it shall not be tolerated. Please give it a little better effort. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Pierce Construction	4	2
Spalding/J.W. Wimpy's	4	2
Sportswear Spectrum	3	3
Pierce Const./Bundy Motors	3	3

"B" NATIONAL

Cabin	9	0
Spirit Shoppe/Breakers	6	2
Buccaneer Lounge	5	3
Cortina's Tile	5	4
Valley Scrubbers	4	4
Scoreboard 1	3	6
Plainfield	3	6
Powers Cafe	2	5
Bogey' 1	2	7
E.B.'s	1	7
Frank's Action Sports	0	7

"B" AMERICAN—NORTH

202 Liquors	7	1
Italian Sporting Club	6	2
Gino's Package	6	2
Dickson Mechanical	5	2
Agawam Moose	5	3
Elbow Lounge	4	5
Village Lounge	4	5
Scrappy Liquors	3	3
Scoreboard 2	3	6
Abbett Tax Consultants	2	8
Wizard Auto Body	0	8

"B" AMERICAN—SOUTH

Balise/Honda	8	2
Coast To Coast	6	2
Allen Lawnmower Co.	6	4
Pink Cadillac	5	3
Bio Care	5	3
Bertelli Liquors	5	4
P.T.S.	4	4
Teddy Bear Pools	3	5
Desi's Place	3	5
Balzer's Tool Coating	3	6
Buccaneer Lounge	3	6
Agawam Tire/Auto	1	8

Bob Johnson On Sports...

Quitting Smoking No Easy Chore

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Radio talk-show host Rush Limbaugh constantly reminds his listeners about his "formerly nicotine stained hands." He's proud because he had the willpower and sticktuitiveness to bring his cigarette smoking addiction under control.

Twenty-five years ago, the Burlington (VT) School System invited a man who had just undergone a tracheotomy to speak at our elementary school. He talked of his long-time smoking problem and the results that ensued. He was the best non-smoking PR man that there ever was.

His speech was not only intelligible (barely) when he placed a metal apparatus up against the hole in his neck where the incision had been made. YUK. It wasn't a pretty picture.

I don't remember what the man looked like. I do remember that he was very sad. Cigarettes had completely ruined the quality of his life.

That visit was a monumental one in my life. Soon, I would enter junior high school and then, of course, high school. As one friend after another began to experiment with cigarettes, I chose not to do it.

All the way through school and for four subsequent years in the Navy, I didn't smoke. Then, inexplicably, in an innocuous little spot along life's silly little ride ... I was a smoker.

When? I have no idea. Why? Couldn't tell ya. Who? Can't remember? What? It was a KOOL Filter King, I think.

What has ensued has been 14 years of sheer hell and terror. An asthmatic as a child, cigarette smoking has always robbed me of some wind that I might be gasping for later on.

Two years ago (as the publisher of this newspaper can attest), I spent an entire Saturday night in the Emergency Room at Baystate Medical Center. Those express, one-way rides in those ambulances certainly make you re-evaluate the need for your vices.

They cost you money. They make you sick. They make you a minority. Simply put, they make you stink.

A Slave To Cigarette Smoking

Those things are tough enough, but cigarettes and this powerful addiction make you a slave to many activities. You need one: 1) as soon as you wake up in the morning; 2) when you are drinking your coffee; 3) as soon as you start your car; 4) after every single thing that you eat; and on and on and on.

Everything is a trigger. A ringing phone. A doorbell. A coffee break, etc., etc., etc.

There has never been a day in my life when I wanted to smoke. I have always wanted to be a non-smoker.

On at least two other occasions, I have written articles in this paper talking about how I had just quit or was contemplating quitting smoking. At this writing, it has been an entire week since my last puff. I am very proud of myself and confident that I will never have another one.

Certainly, this little epistle wasn't written to puff up my chest and brag about my accomplishment. One week away from cigarettes only means that a little dose of reality and temptation can serve to put me back on R J Reynolds' Christmas list again.

I've been in a lot of environments this past week and fought through more temptation than I care to think about. But the strength has been there.

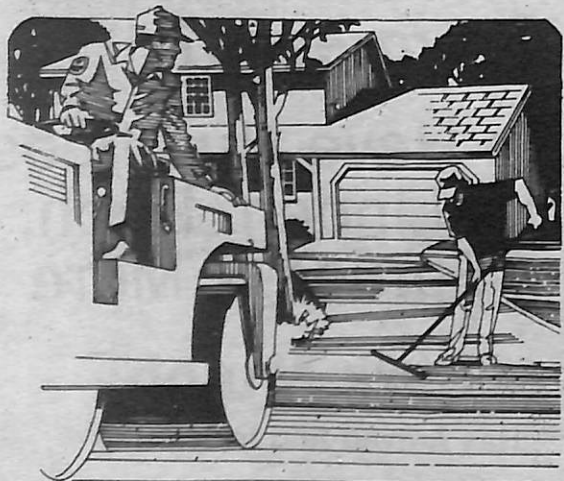
My only hope is that there is a fifth grader or sixth grader that is considering picking up this habit and he/she decides not to do it after reading this column.

One thing that I can tell you from experience is that young people think that they are never going to die. Many of them tell themselves that they will only smoke for a short time and can "give it up whenever they want." Nothing could be further from the truth. If you have been experimenting with cigarettes, don't put another one in your mouth.

I haven't seen my old buddy with the hole in his neck for a long time, and I have a sneaky suspicion about where he is resting tonight—and a very good idea of what put him there.

PLEASE REMEMBER that photographer Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to come out and cover your event. If Jack is out, please leave a message. Jack can be reached at 789-0053.

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*Sports A La Carte...***Perez Gets Sacked;
Riddik(ulous) Fight**

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

If TONY PEREZ had been let go by the Cincinnati Reds at this time of year back in 1975, he would not have driven BILL LEE'S World Series Seventh Game ephus pitch onto Landsdowne Street; the Red Sox would have won the World Championship; and the world (and the Yankee fans) would be much more easy to handle.

From my chair, there is no perspective on whether or not he was a good baseball manager. He certainly was a great ballplayer - one of the best run producers in my lifetime. Certainly, well wishes go out to the former BoSoxer and it should be fun watching RAY KNIGHT and DAVEY JOHNSON return to the dugout...

When those Montreal Canadiens get a sniff of Lord Stanley's Cup, it seems like they only know one speed and one direction - fast forward. They will romp through the finals to victory. My crystal ball says four games to one...

Ya gotta wonder about the psyche of Major League ballplayers when the management of a pro team brings in a MIKE KEENAN or a DALLAS GREEN type to "shake things up." Pro coaching has to be so much more about making subtle adjustments, fine tuning chemistry, and keeping everybody on an even keel.

Regular seasons are so long and these type of coaches seem to build intensity for a period of time and then wear out the players in the long run. New York is such a hyper and impulsive town. I don't think Green (Mets) or Keenan (Rangers) will take their teams to the promised lands.

They will both give it everything that they've got in their tanks but neither club has the right horses to put it all together (with or without a great, motivating coach)...

There was no more amazing story than the one I read on the back page of the *USA Today* sports section last Friday. Ardmore High School (in Oklahoma) won state titles in football, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, boys' tennis, girls' tennis, and boys' track - and it all happened THIS YEAR! Imagine that...

Does it seem to you as if LARRY BROWN resigns his current position every year during the playoffs? The erstwhile basketball coach has now told the Clippers that life wasn't too groovy in LA and he is gone again...

At presstime, RUBEN SIERRA and JON OLERUD both have six homeruns and 28 RBI. On the other hand, JUAN GONZALEZ has 14 homers and 28 RBI. Those Rangers must not be clogging up the bases in front of him because the young slugger Gonzalez is also batting .343...

FERNANDO VALENZUELA'S ERA is 4.09 and his pitching record is 1-4; JACK MCDOWELL'S ERA is 4.09 and his won-loss slate reads 7-2...36 year-old journeyman JESSE FERGUSON and a half empty RFK Stadium is exactly what RIDDIK(ULOUS) BOWE deserves for heaping shame after shame upon his heavyweight title. We're not used to pitty-pay heavyweight champs. LARRY HOMLES fought everybody; MIKE TYSON fought everyone; HOLYFIELD jumped in there against all comers and ALL would fight every week if they'd let him.

Bowe has been a disgrace and we can all thank ROCK NEWMAN for this junk. Newman is probably looking out for TEX COBB or SCOTT LEDOUX at this very moment to set up Bowe's next match...BORIS BECKER is my choice for this year's French Open Tennis Championship...

PETER GAMMONS talking about JACK MORRIS' chance to gain induction to the Hall of Fame: "When compared to players of his era (1980's), he was the best. When pitching in the pressure of '84, '87, and '91, he was brilliant. Cooperstown? Yes"...Good luck, LENNY WILKINS...

Tennis commentator BUD COLLINS supplies us with this little treat this week: "My uncle always describes unforced error as his first marriage..."

**Peter McNair Wins
1st In Racquetball**

Agawam's Peter McNair recently won first place in the Springfield YMCA's Racquetball League Open Division.

Mr. McNair beat out eight other contenders to win the title.

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Buccaneer Lounge	5	3
Southworth Paper Co.	2	5
Miracles	2	6
Elbow Lounge	2	8

"B" DIVISION

Louie B's	7	1
George's Girls	6	4
Shannon's Corners	6	3
Desi's Place	5	4
Agawam Legion Bears	4	4
Teddy Bear Pools	2	7
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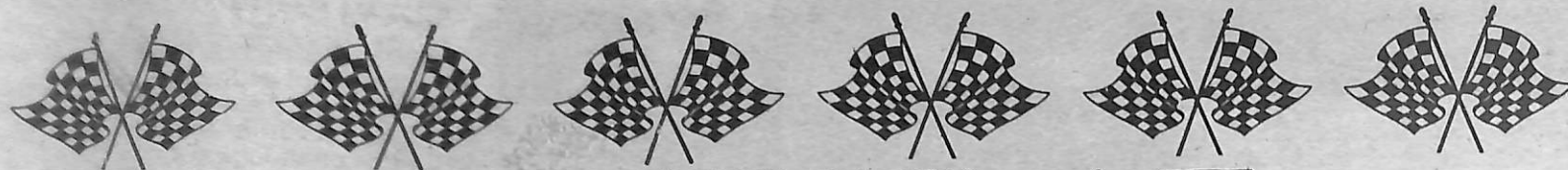


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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Riverside Speedway Seeking 200 Brave Men & Women For Enduro

Since the start of their latest racing season in March, Riverside Park Speedway has been looking for 200 brave men and women to prepare their cars for the first Marathon Madness Enduro of 1993 on Sunday, May 30th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the speedway located on Route 159 in Agawam.

This is the first of many events of this type. Following the May 30th date, future Enduros will be held on June 13th, July 4th, July 25th, August 8th, and September 4th. All these events will have the same combination format with a full-size Enduro, four-cylinder Enduro, Dem-Duro, and Demolition Derby.

For this amateur event, anyone over 16 years of age with a license can enter and possibly win the lion's share of \$1,000 in cash. The full-size Enduro runs heats on the figure eight course, and everyone qualifies and is in the main event. The feature can be 50 to 100 laps on the oval, paying \$500 in purse money.

The four-cylinder Enduro is run only on the oval; depending on the car count, this feature is only 50 to 75 laps, paying a purse of \$250. All Enduro cars must have a roll-bar (no wagons in Enduros).

The Dem-Duro runs heat races on the oval, and the main event is a Demolition Derby with a \$500 purse. The last car running wins it all. Compact four-cylinder Demos are allowed when enough cars enter. No roll-bars are required, but they are

recommended in all Dem-Duros.

Marathon Madness events also feature real professional racing—Pro 4 Modifieds and Strictly Stocks.

Basic rules for the Enduro/Dem-Duro on Sunday, May 30th, are as follows:

Remove all lights, chrome, rear and side glass. Bolt-weld or secure all doors, remove upholstery and headliner. You must have a lap-type seat belt and shoulder harness.

Enduros require a loop-type roll-bar and helmet. Everyone is welcome to race for the glory, trophy, and cash.

To enter this race, competitors were advised to register at the Speedway in advance of the event; for those who enter on the day of the race, the price of entry is double (call Riverside at 786-9300 for additional information).

On Sunday, May 30th, the pits open at 10:00 a.m. and competitors must arrive early (before 2:00 p.m.) to have their cars signed-in and inspected—no late arrivals, no exceptions! Do not call the speedway with technical questions ... just bring the car on race day completed.

The pit fee is \$15, and (as stated earlier) you must be 16 or older. Admission to watch is just \$9.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids. The action starts at 6:00 p.m., rain or shine (no refunds).

Call the speedway hotline, (413) 786-9300, extension 3264.

Jerry Marquis Back In Winner's Circle

It hasn't happened in three weeks. Some might not think that's a big deal, but for **Jerry Marquis**—two-time NASCAR Winston Racing Series Champion at Riverside Park Speedway—it had been a tough three weeks ... that is, until Saturday, May 22nd, when Marquis found the magic once again in the low groove to win his third event of 1993.

The night began with pouring rain, but for Marquis it was liquid gold as he took the lead on lap 14 from Stan Greger. Fran Principi was the driving force for three circuits, then Greger dove low and pulled away.

While this battle was going on, Richie Gallup was holding off Larry Moore, Dan Avery, Richard Savery, and Bobby Gee. This battle lasted for over 30 laps, as 3,976 Riverside race fans sat through the rain to witness this "Snap On Tools" special event. There were only three cautions (most for minor spins and flat tires), and frontrunner Ed Kennedy broke a rack.

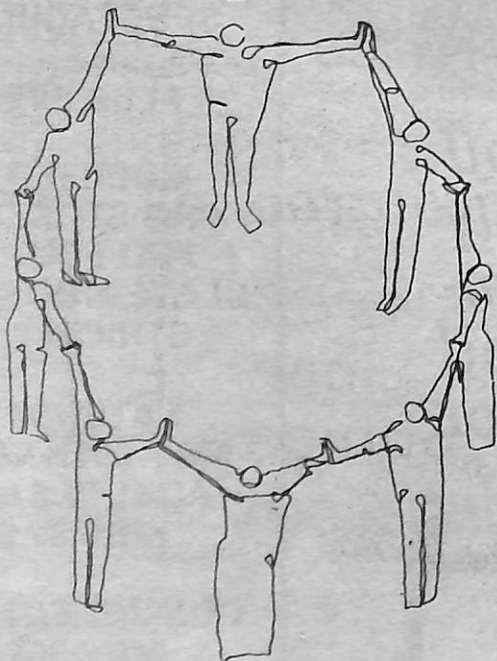
At the checker, Marquis won by over a three-car length in the Bob Judkins-Statewide Recovery/Pike Package Store Cavalier. Second was Stan Greger (Phil Lauro Law), third was Richie Gallup (C. & D. Marina), fourth was Larry Moore (West Hartford Tool), and fifth was Dan Avery (Porter/Chester Ins.).

Sixth through 10th was Bobby Gee (Sher's Auto), Chris Kopec (Gary's Auto), Ed Spiers (sponsor wanted), Jim Houghton (J&M Welding), and Dunk Rudolph (Dunk Texaco). This was the first event in the "Snap On Tools" \$10,000 Series.

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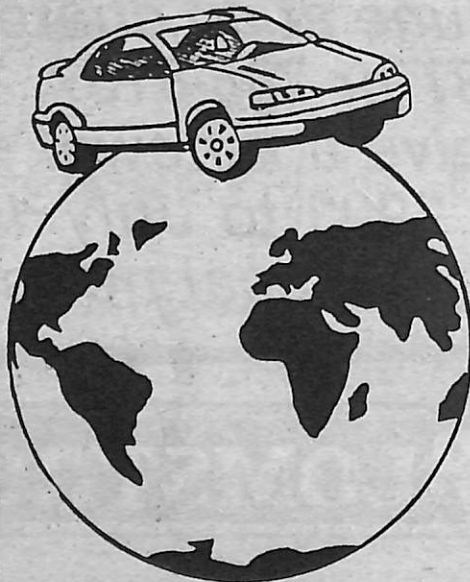
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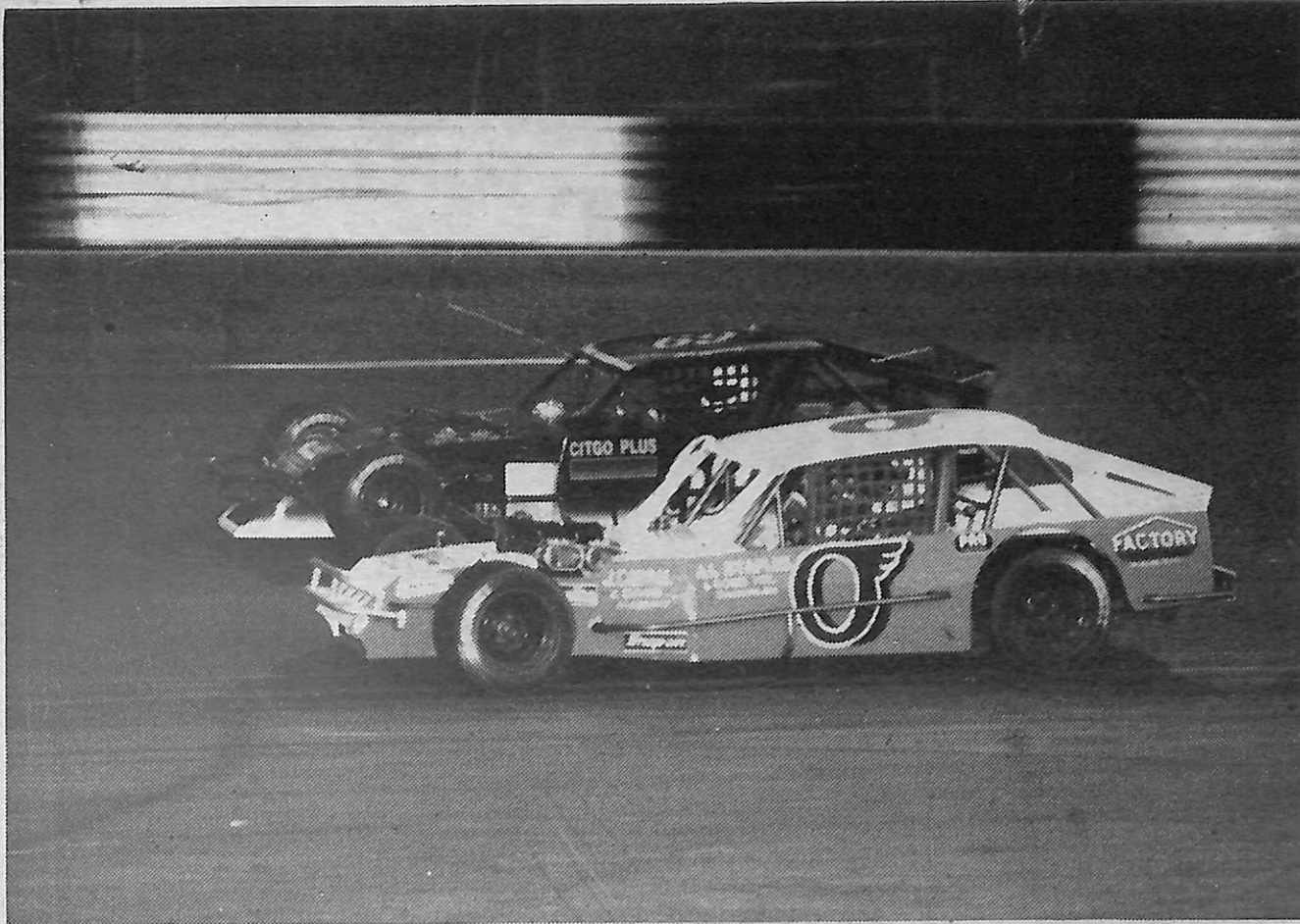


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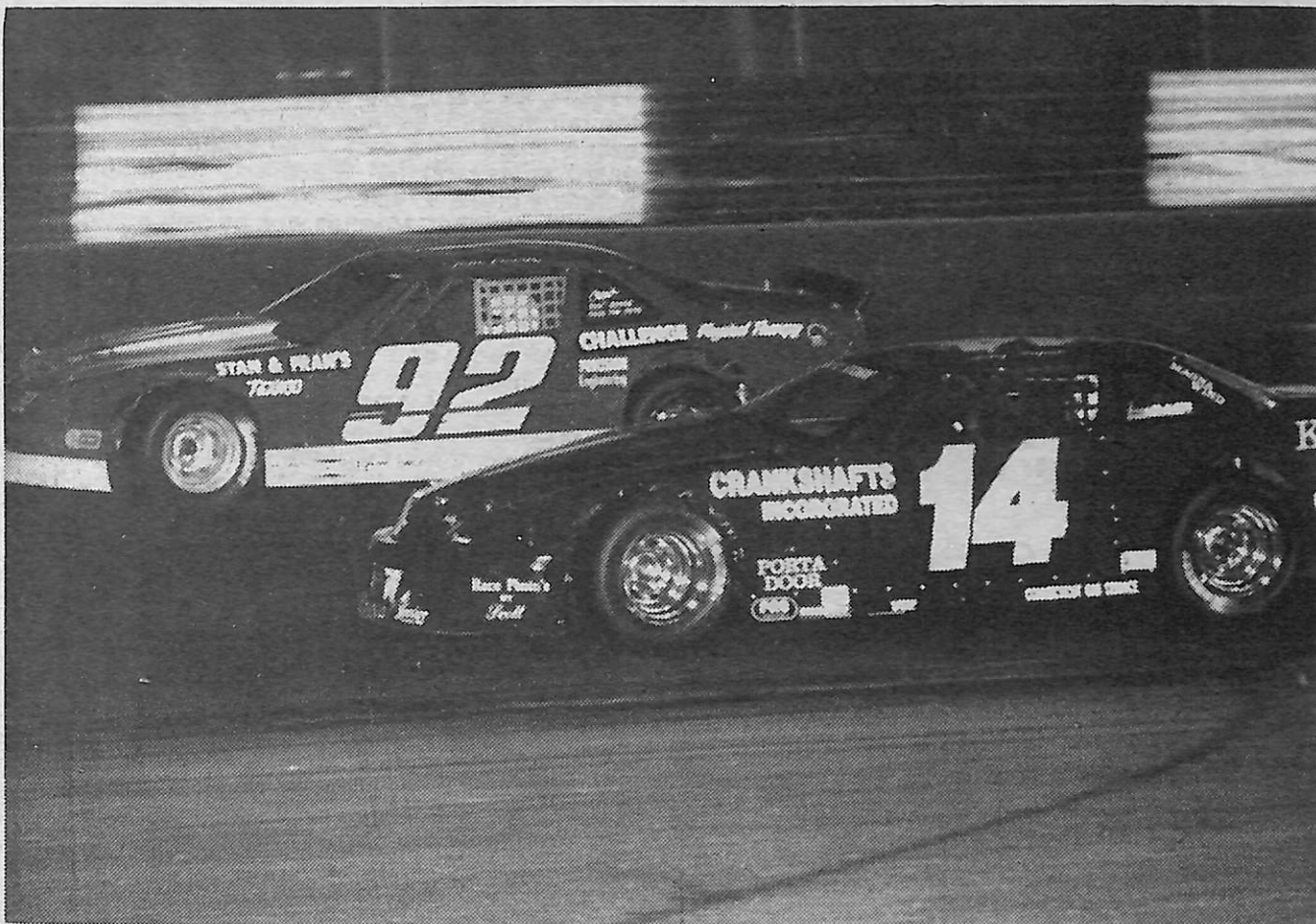
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Warren Breen took the lead as Blaine Belz moved to the front of the Pro Stock feature. Five laps into the event, Tony Papale took the lead as Scott Bouley came from the middle of the pack, with Lou Prior challenging.

While this battle was going on, Eddy Carroll, Tom Fearn, Dave Caruso, Tom Carey, and Jerry Marquis were fighting in traffic. With less than two laps to go, Scott Bouley made contact with the leader, Tony Papale, as Papale went around and was forced to the rear. On the restart, Eddy Carroll (with his fender waving) took the lead. Bouley tried to take him but ran out of time.

Eddy Carroll secured the "Snap On Tools" victory in the Snap On Tools, Sunoco Fuels-Cliff's Auto Body Lumina. Second was Scott Bouley (Conner/Larkins Pub), third was Dave Caruso (Matt Powers), fourth was Brian Crunden (making a great run for his sponsor, Romaino Service), and fifth was Tom Carey, Jr. (McKenny's Mobil).

Sixth through 10th were Ed Carroll, Dave Berube, Fran Forino, Joe Barnes, and Warren Breen.

Gary Fiormonti almost didn't make it out of the pits; fact is, he lost a rear. However, the quick work of the crew was the secret to Gary's first Late Model win for 1993.

Second was Barry Grey over Gary Pellitier, Jay Stewart, and Chris Wenzal. Rounding out the top 10 were Rocky Mazzioto, Doug Dell, Rogert Charette, Glen Griswold, and John Johnson.

Fiormonti gave credit for his win to his crew, as well as his sponsors (Fletcher Comp Engine, John Sunoco, and Teddy Bear Pools).

Joe Arena took down a well-deserved first win in the Strictly Stock division. Mike Salmond lead for a while but wound up taking second, and Chuck Alessio was there for a strong third. Fourth was Roger Fujimoto over Todd Owens.

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Riverside Speedway Has Great Agenda For Month Of June

Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA, is gearing up with "family tradition" and some of the lowest prices in NASCAR Auto Racing. The month of June is "fan appreciation" time, and all month long, this motorsports celebration will feature banner contests, Big Wheel/Electric Car races, and color contests ... all with cash prizes, savings bonds, stuffed animals, gifts, and much more.

The program is presented for ages one to 15 with several classes. Contest winners will host Raceweek, the radio show on WNNZ-640, and also receive season race passes for 1994. The month will also close with a June 26th Pit Party (from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.) that will allow the kids, with Mom and Dad, to meet and greet the drivers, feel and touch the race cars, and (even better than that) go for a ride in a real race car prepared for the event.

Pit tours and much, much more are also planned for fan appreciation month. For official fan appreciation rules, pick them up on race nights at the Program Booth.

The racing for the NASCAR Winston Racing Series is even better in June at Riverside Park, thanks to \$9.99 super-saver prices on certain evenings—the lowest admission in NASCAR action!

Here's the calendar of Riverside's racing action for June:

* Saturday, June 5th:

The month gets kicked off with AC-Delco-NASCAR Souvenir Night. This is a four-division NASCAR special presented by Serv-U Auto Parts.

It features 16-plus events, four-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks ... all for just \$9.99 for adults, and \$3 for kids 12 years of age and under. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., with racing to begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp. The pit fee is just \$15 for NASCAR members.

* Saturday, June 12th:

At 6:00 p.m., it's time for the heated "Snap On Tools Number 2" Double Point 50's—a five-division, 22-plus event, double-point race (double points, naturally, create much excitement).

Racing will consist of the Mod Tour cars running 50 laps; Late Models, 50 laps; Pro 4 Modifieds, 25; Pro Stocks, 30; and Strictly Stocks, 20. This special event is scheduled to attract the best ... Jerry Marquis, Bobby G., Chris Kopec, Reggie Ruggiero, Ed Kennedy, Dan Avery, and more.

For this June event only, adult admission is \$12.99 (\$3 for kids). Gates open at 5:00 p.m., and racing starts at 6:00 p.m. For NASCAR Member, the pit fee is just \$15.

* Sunday, June 13th:

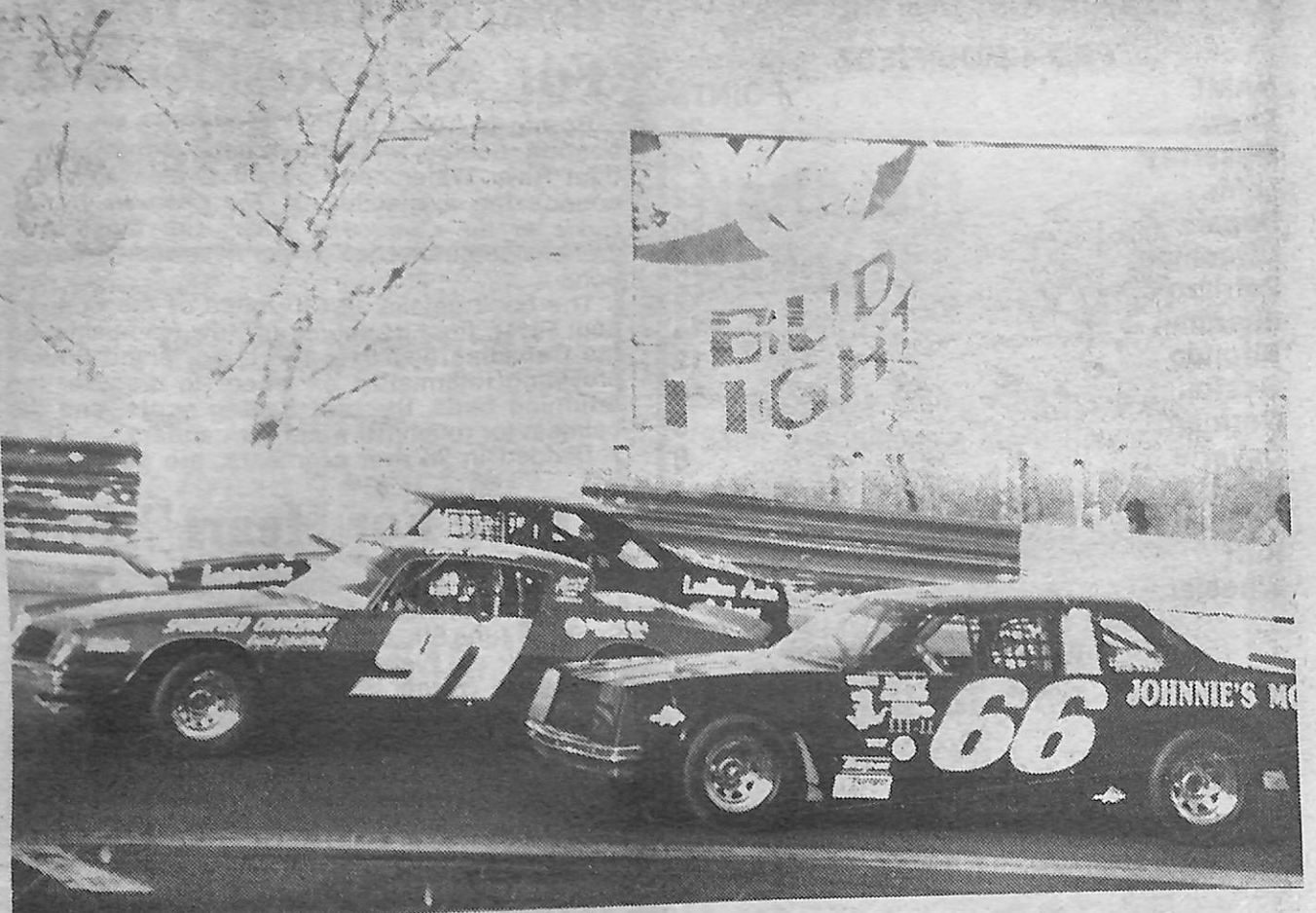
On this date, it's another \$9.99 super thrills spectacular featuring a full-size Enduro—figure eight race, four-cylinder Enduro, half-ton truck race, thrill show Dem-Duro Demolition, and a "Police Race." Also on hand are Pro 4 Modified racing, Strictly Stocks, and left/right cars.

Part of this event is run rain or shine, and the pit opens at 11:00 a.m. Accepted race cars enter the speedway between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and racing fans can enter as early as 5:00 p.m. (with the action slated to start at 6:00 p.m.). Don't miss the death-defying action on this date!

* Saturday, June 19th:

It's the "International Auto Body of Granby Night" with 16-plus events, starting at 6:00 p.m. Still, the big news is that this is the night for the kids' Big Wheel/Electric Car races. Bring your kids and equipment to compete for cash prizes.

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WHENEVER CAR NUMBER 91 and 66 tangle at Riverside Park Speedway, the action gets hot and heavy.

Riverside Park Speedway STANDINGS

(As Of 5/15/93)

MODIFIEDS			LATE MODELS		
NAME	POINTS		NAME	POINTS	
Avery	120		Stuart	120	
Marquis	108		Gray	114	
Kennedy	100		D'Alessandro	90	
Ruggiero	96		Pelletier	74	
Gegetskas	94		Bushior	70	
Kopec	86		Leary	68	
Moore	68		Fioramanti	60	
Greger	58		LaForge	54	
LeClair	54		Quintiliano	44	
Gallup	44		Mazziotto	36	
Savary	38		Chapman	36	
Houghton	36		Dipisa	30	
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RACE STANDINGS - from Page 55...

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Meservey	24
LeMay	22
Dupuis	20
Lemonica	18
Petrizzo	16
Sherman	14
Bitondo	12
Gaston	10
Gorman	8
Deyette	6
Reed	4
Doucette	2
Ruff	2
Wheeler	2

PRO STOCKS

NAME	POINTS
Caruso	74
Lobo	64
Fearn	60
Marquis	56
Carey	52
Carroll, Eddy	48
Bouley	34
Carroll, Ed	34
Salzarulo	26
Forino	24
Czarnecki	18
Hebert	18
Papale	18
Duquette	16
Turcotte	12

STRICTLY STOCKS

NAME	POINTS
Valerio	122
Lagacy	106
Owen	104
Carlton	102
Fujimoto	90
Minchella	82
Allessio	64
Arena	60
Charette	50
Connors	50
Leone	48
Reiman	48
Salmond	40
Watts	38
Southworth	31

JUNE EVENTS AT RIVERSIDE - from Page 55

This is a great NASCAR event, with adult admission being just \$9.99 (and \$3 for kids). The pits open at 11:00 a.m., and the stadium opens at 5:00 p.m. (an hour before the start of the first race).

* Saturday, June 26th:

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"Bike For Heart" Fundraiser Set For June 6th

The fourth annual "Bike For Heart" to benefit the American Heart Association will be held on Sunday, June 6th, at 10:00 a.m. The ride will begin and end at Figures and Fitness at Grande Meadows, Dwight Road, Longmeadow. TV-22's Barry Kriger will be riding in this year's event.

Bicyclists can ride with Kriger on either a 25- or 50-mile route through Longmeadow, Hampden, Wilbraham, East Longmeadow, and parts of Con-

necticut. There will also be a one-mile fun ride offered. Riders will return for a "welcome back" pizza reception at Grande Meadows after the ride.

All bicyclists engaging in this "heart healthy" activity are eligible for prizes based on dollars raised. Top fundraisers receive special prizes, including a Fuji road bike and bike racing clothing.

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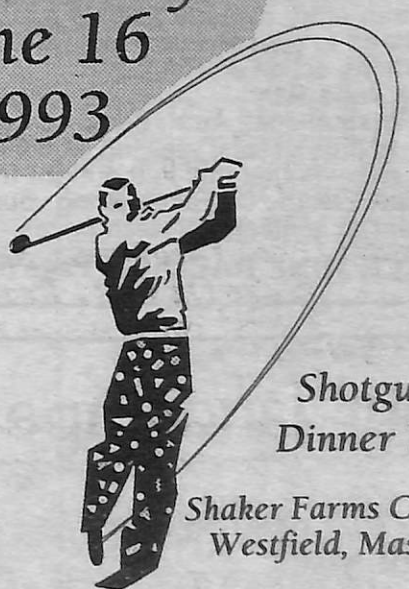
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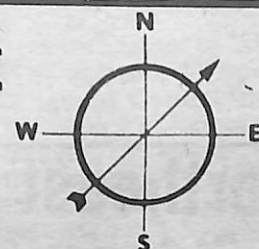
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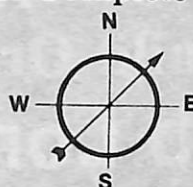
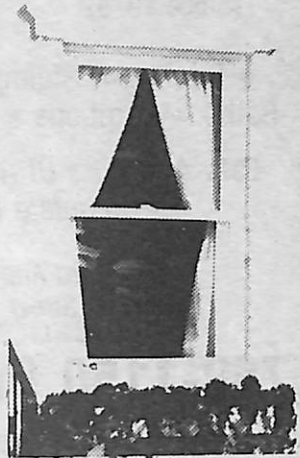
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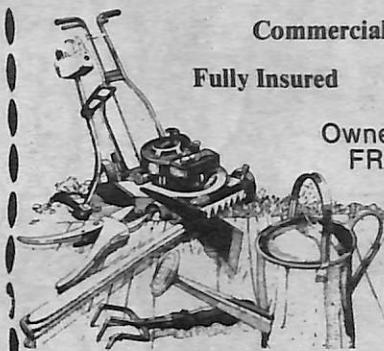
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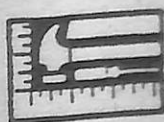
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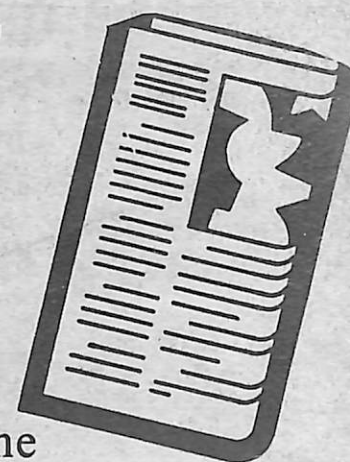
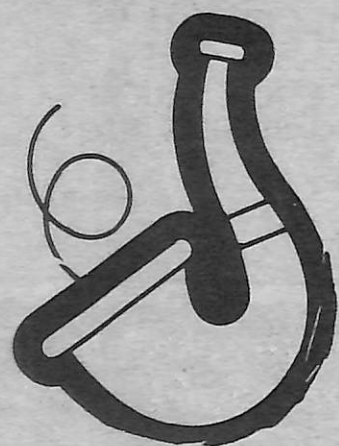
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